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SUMMARY.

The Elder Statesmen and the Ministers in Japan have decided to send a final Note to Russia asking for a reply within a fixed period.

The Russian newspapers are more bellicose and irritated at Japan's attitude.

They declare that the moral responsibility for hostilities lies with British diplomacy.

The Russian newspapers are also bitter against Great Britain for allowing British to man the Nisshin and Kasuga.

America and Japan are feverishly striving at Peking to secure their rights in Manchuria under new commercial treaties before hostilities break out.

Diplomatists at Berlin consider that Russia is reluctant to fight, fearing that Bulgaria may try to emancipate herself.

Russia also fears that this would raise the Balkan question in an acute form to the advantage of Austria.

The Russian warships at Bizerta have started for the Far East. Those at Suda Bay have gone to the Red Sea.

The Japanese cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga, after heading for Port Said, were seen steaming towards Gibraltar.

There are immense shipments at Liverpool and Birkenhead of cotton-piece goods for the Far East.

The Czarina is suffering from a severe attack of influenza, and the Imperial family is alarmed.

Mr. C. C. Lance, in a paper read before the Royal Colonial Institute, said that refrigeration would be an important factor of Empire.

He said he thought that organisation would make the Empire mainly self-sufficient.

The Admiralty propose to build 27 additional submarines.

The "Times" hopes that Mr. Seddon's protest against Chinese labour on the Rand will not receive much support.

The English papers generally state that the Premiers may have their opinions, but the Transvaal is entitled to settle its own affairs.

Pretoria news authoritatively foreshadows an early electoral redistribution, with a view of the introduction of representative government.

The Emperor of China has agreed to the immediate exchange of the ratifications of the American commercial treaty.

The Tariff Reform Commission has been completed, and it is intended to create a subcommittee of agricultural experts.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at the Conservative Club, said that the Unionists must meet new circumstances by new expedients.

He believed that the Committee on Imperial Defence will play an important part in promoting the closer union of the Empire.

Sir H. H. Fowler, in a speech at Wolverhampton, made a vigorous reply to Mr. Balfour's recent speeches.

He declared that the terms "freetrade" and "protection" meant to-day what they meant 58 years ago.

Mr. A. Lyttelton has informed the Agents-General that he shares Mr. Chamberlain's opinion that the Malta meat duties are not unfair to importers.

M. Brisson (Republican Radical) has been elected President of the French Chamber of Deputies, defeating M. Bertrand (Republican).

Lord Northcote and Lady Northcote arrived at Fremantle yesterday on board the R.M.S. Moldavia.

The Royal Arthur, Tauranga, and Psyche left Hobart yesterday morning for Adelaide to participate in the reception of Lord Northcote.

Sir Herbert Chermside, Governor of Queensland, returned to Sydney from New Zealand by the steamer Victoria yesterday.

Our special reporter in Melbourne says that an effort is being made to secure the position of Commissioner of Patents for a Victorian.

Sir William Lyne stated to the Chamber of Commerce representatives on Monday that the Cabinet had strong objection to the decentralisation of control.

He also said that prior to federation he had warned this State of possible danger from Victorian influence.

Our Nukualofa correspondent says that the people there regard the British protectorate over Tonga with incredulity.

He also says that the long-felt grievances of the foreign residents have not been redressed.

Heavy rains have flooded a large area of country in South Australia.

The Admiralty has advised the Victorian Agent-General that tenders for the supply of preserved meats for the navy are shortly to be called.

It is understood that the Victorian members of the Federal Parliament will almost unanimously advocate delay in selecting the capital site.

There has been a wonderful decrease in the number of persons entering railway trains without tickets since the booking fee has been imposed.

An agreement has been arrived at between the two Houses of the Legislature in Western Australia respecting the Constitution Amending Bills.

A magisterial inquiry was held yesterday respecting Stoker Sandow's death, but the circumstances of the explosion on the Wallaroo were not investigated.

The remains of the late Stoker Sandow were interred in Rookwood Cemetery yesterday with naval honours.

Mr. Waddell laid the foundation-stone of the new Gundagai Hospital yesterday.

Another good flow of water has been struck as the result of an artesian bore in the Walgett district.

At the inquest respecting the Newtown tragedy a verdict was returned that A. W. B. Sly murdered his wife and then committed suicide.

By far the greater part of the estate of the late Mr. A. Felton, of Victoria (valued at between £450,000 and £500,000), is bequeathed to art and charities.

The Victorian Cricket Association has declined Sir Malcolm M'Eacharn's offer of an international cricket trophy valued at 250 guineas.

The Himalaya's shipment of gold from Melbourne amounted to £464,154.

Mr. Arthur Berckelman, who took part in the charge of the 600, died at his residence, Balaclava, Windsor, yesterday, aged 74.

Mr. Arthur Rae, in a speech at Parkes, said he hoped that a coalition Government would be formed, so that the Labour party could go into Opposition.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Centenary Hall last night, when 13 departing native teachers for the islands were farewelled.

Two hundred men are engaged in fighting a bush fire in the Gundagai district.

The commercial agent in London comments upon the fact that whilst some New South Wales butters are excellent, others are "fishy."

The strike at the Northern Extended colliery through dissatisfaction with an arbitration award has spread to the Rhondda and Northumberland collieries.

In each case the miners demand wages higher than provided in the award, and the pits have been rendered idle.

The steamer Pacifique, which is to initiate a mail service between New Caledonia and the New Hebrides, will leave Sydney for Noumea to-day.

Mrs. Dowie (wife of the Rev. J. A. Dowie) and her son, Dr. A. J. G. Dowie, are passengers by the Moldavia.

Dr. Dowie explains that he is on his way to Sydney with his mother to hold a series of meetings.

A fire has occurred at the Wallaroo copper mine in South Australia, and it will be three months before work can be properly resumed.

Almost complete stagnation prevailed on the Stock Exchange yesterday, and in the absence of transactions of note, quotations varied but slightly.

There was little inquiry for mining shares, only a few odd sales being reported.

Trade in the Import Market was done on a small scale.

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PUBLIC MEETING,
Oddfellows' Hall, Drummoyne,
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Speakers:
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MAURICE O'CONNOR, late of Humes Island, Shoalhaven, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby requested to come in before me at my said office on or before the ninth day of March next, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this thirteenth day of January, 1904.
T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. F. A. LE POER TRENCH, Proctor for Executors, Nowra. By his Agent, C. T. POOLE, 108 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of GEORGE CROSS, late of Tilbuster, near Armidale, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Codicil thereto of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES ALEXANDER GLASS and CORNELIUS FITZGERALD, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of Messrs. SLY and RUSSELL, Solicitors, of 369 George-street, Sydney, the Agents for the undersigned. Creditors, if any, are requested to send in their claims to the undersigned within the said fourteen days. ALBERT WHITBY SIMPSON, Proctor for the Executors, Armidale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM HENRY STEVENS, late of Armidale, in the State of New South Wales, Hotelkeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALBERT WHITBY SIMPSON, one of the Executors named in the said Will (the other Executor, WILLIAM MARSHALL HARRIS, named in the said Will having renounced Probate thereof); and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned; and all persons having any claims on the Estate of the said deceased are requested to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within the said fourteen days. SLY and RUSSELL, Proctors for the Executor, 369 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE YOUNG, late of Alexandria, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN EDWARD YOUNG, and GIBSON PATRICK YOUNG, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom creditors are requested to send particulars of their claims within the time abovementioned. KERSHAW, MATTHEWS, and LANE, Proctors for the Executors, 62 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN GEORGE BALZER, late of Byron Bay, in the State of New South Wales, Cordial Manufacturer, deceased.—Application will be made after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM EDWARD BALZER and CHRISTIAN BALZER, the Executors in the said Will named, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. All persons having claims against the Estate are requested to furnish particulars thereof to the undersigned. Dated 9th January, 1904. M'INTOSH and BEST, Proctors for Applicants, Lismore. By their Agents, FITZHARDINGE and ZLOTKOWSKI, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ANNA ELIZABETH BEVAN, late of Cambewarra, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS McPHERSON and EDWIN CHARLES HEWLETT, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned or upon his Agent, C. T. POOLE, 108 Pitt-street, Sydney. F. A. LE POER TRENCH, Proctor for Executors, Nowra. By his Agent, C. T. POOLE, 108 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ARCHIBALD M'ISAAC, late of Urangeline, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JEAN M'ISAAC, of Urangeline aforesaid, the Widow of the said deceased, and Sole Executrix in the said Will named; and all notices may be served at, and all claims are required to be forthwith rendered to, the office of the undersigned Proctor. W. M. J. WALSH, Proctor for Executrix, Wagga Wagga. Agents, M'DONELL and MOFFITT, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

I, OTTO WESTERNHAGEN, of 46 Carrington-street, Wynyard-square, city, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next quarterly Licensing Court, to be holden at the Water Police Court, on the 20th day of January, 1904, apply for a Certificate, authorising the issue of a Colonial Wine License for a house situate at 46 Carrington-street, Wynyard-square, assessed at a rental of £150 a year. Dated the 4th day of January, 1904. (Signed) OTTO WESTERNHAGEN, 46 Carrington-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EDWARD PIKE LIVERMORE, late of Burwood, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased. —Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CHARLOTTE ELIZA LIVERMORE, the Executrix named in the said Will. All creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned, at whose office all notices may be served. NORTON, SMITH, and CO., Proctors for Executrix, 2 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES BIGGAR, late of Redfern, in the State of New South Wales, Ironmonger, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof, that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the above deceased may be granted to ELIZA BIGGAR, the sole Executrix named in the Will; and all notices may be served at SULLIVAN BROTHERS, Proctors for Executrix, 875 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of FRANCIS HENRY CASTLE, late of 206 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, in the State of New South Wales, Cooper, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM CASTLE, the Father of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at 206 Abercrombie-street, Redfern.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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GENUINE little Confect. Business, a gift, £5. Agent, 217 Riley-st, S. H.

CONFEC., Pastry, Mixed, well stocked, corner shop, chance good grocer, £28, Barcom-West sts, Dhst.

HOTEL, King-st, Newtown, takings £75 wk., lease 8 yrs., rent £2 5s, £650. R. Todd, 42 Enmore-rd.

CONFECTIONERY, Pastry, Drinks, suit a lady, cheap. 446 King-st, Newtown.

HAM and BEEF, doing good trade, must sell, ill-health, £40. King and Forbes sts, Newtown.

GENUINE Mixed BUSINESS, shop only, rent 5s, offer taken to-day. 163 Wilson-st, Newtown.

GUNS and Rifles, 2s 6d weekly. Write for lists. Howard and Co., Woollahra.

OWEN and CO., 40 Castlereagh-street, opp. Australia Hotel.—Pastry, Confect. and Tea Rooms, excellent position, takings £20, splendidly fitted, vendor leaving State, will sacrifice including household furn. £150.

CONFECT. and Baked., Western sub., shop, 4 rms., rent 8s 6d, e. conf, living, only £25. Owen, 40 C'gh.-st.

FRUIT, Pastry, and Confec., main st, d. f. shop, tak. £11. This is undoubtedly a great bargain, horse, cart, comput. scales, ice chest, glass cases, &c, owing serious illness only £35. OWEN and CO., 40 Castlereagh-street.

HAM, Beef, and Pastry, main st, nice dwelling, rent £1, taking £15, comp. sc., ice chest, g. b., £40. Owen.

TEA RUN, Eastern suburb, clears £3 week, 12 yrs. same hands, good turnout £65. Owen and Co.

PRODUCE, Wood, and Coal, rent 10s, taking £100, 2 horses, 2 carts, sulky, &c, owing to death in family this must be sold. Vendor will allow any trial, great gift, £100.
OWEN and CO., 40 Castlereagh-street.

OWEN and CO., 40 C'reagh-st.—Hard. and Tob., splend. dwelling, taking £15, great chance, £135, terms.

COBB and CO., 335A George-st., have Clients waiting for Confectionery Business, £50.

COBB and CO., 335A George-st.—Partner with £200 required for profitable concern, recommended.

COBB and CO., 335A George-st.—Superior Boarding-house, £70, permanent boarders.

COBB. Hairdresser and Tobacconist, very old-established, sacrifice, £25.

BOOT SHOP.—Goodwill, good business stand. Apply 58 Alfred-st, N. Shore.

GROCERY, General, good bus., no opposition, suit m. c., £135, no agts. Mooney and Fleming, 19 Engine-st.

NEWS Agency, Statny, blocked, cap. rent, 600 papers wkly., average £15 w., £600. Bancroft, 140 Oxford-st.

WANTED to rent, BILLIARD ROOM, sub. pref., S. A. G., Post-office, Enmore.

WANTED, first-class BOARDING HOUSE, 20 to 30 rms., gd. locality; no agents. O. K., Herald.

WANTED to purchase, good Dining or Tea Rooms, city or suburbs. G. L., P.O., Newtown.

WANTED, good Hotel, city or subs., must stand strict investig. All parties. G. Rudkin, P.O., Eliz.-st S.

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HORSES AND VEHICLES.

STOP.—We are the people who can supply you with first-class VEHICLES of any description, new and sec.-hand; also, compl. Turnouts, kindly call and insp. Cook's Bazaar, 139 C'reagh-st, 218 Pitt-st. Tel., 3091.

A NOBBY TURNOUT.—Thick-set 12-h. Brown Pony, Lloyd's hooded patent five-spring Sulky and Harness. On view. COOK'S *Bazaar*, 139 Castlereagh-street, and 218 Pitt-street. Tel., 3091.

VARNISHED Ash and Hickory Sulkies, Trale's bent and straight shafts. Cook's Bazaar, 139 C'reagh-st.

HORSES.—We have sev. reliable and good in saddle and harn. Cook's Bazaar, 139 C'rgh.-st, 218 Pitt-st.

TO SPORTING MEN and Others.—High-class TURNOUT, Bay Gelding, by Lord Harold, stylish and fast, with superior leather trimmed Sulky and Harness, Sale. COOK'S Bazaar, 139 Castlereagh-st, 218 Pitt-st.

CASH OR TERMS.—Draught Mare, Tip-dray and Harness, suit farm work, £10; Pony Sulky and Harness, £7; Pony Village Cart and Harness, £7; Spring Cart, Horse, and Harness, £6; Dealers' Vans, Butchers', Bakers', Spring, and Pagnel Carts; good Open Cab, suit country, £5; twenty Ponies, Horses, and Mares, suit any business; Harness and Saddlery of every description. KIMBER'S Saleyard, Square and Compass Hotel, George-street, Haymarket. Letters and country orders attended to.

TYRES TIGHTENED while you wait, cold process; New Tyres, New Wheels, and Wheel Repairs. Good work quickly done. Low prices, cash only. WEST'S TYRE SETTER, Hay-street, Haymarket. Tel., 2878.

LIVERY.—Splen. Accommodation, loose boxes and stalls, match carriage horses, lady's hacks, stylish buggies and sulkies for travellers, on hire by day or week. Imperial Stables, Herbert-street, Edgecliff.

FOR PRIVATE SALE, very handsome BUGGY TURNOUT, chestnut Horse, 6 years old; also very stylish Rubber-tyre Piano-box BUGGY. 224 Castlereagh-street, close to Bathurst-street.

FOR superior Victorias, Phaetons, Sociables, Buggies, Sulkies, Pony and Village Carts, Harness and Saddlery. Inspect. McNAMARA'S BAZAAR, 157 Castlereagh-street.

FOR SALE, DOGCART and HARNESS, nearly new, built by Angus; also Hooker BUGGY, suit private gent.
412 Oxford-street,
Bondi Junction.

CLEARING OUT.—Hooded Sulky, pat. axle; Hooded Buggy; Carryall, by Hooker; bent-shaft, shifting-seat Sulky; Pagnel, Village Carts; Vans, 80s; Sulkies, 35s; Wheelbarrows, 400gal Tanks, etc. 623 Geo.-st.

LIGHT Express Waggon, with hood, cheap, cash or ter. Sydney Carriage Company, Regent-st, Redfern.

PONY Sulky, painted, 3-spring, good condition, will sacrifice for £5. 178 Phillip-st, city.

STYLISH Blk. Gelding, saddle, harness, lady, gent., suit doctor, com. trav. Ronda, Pile-st, M'ville.

FOR SALE, Dark Bay HORSE, aged, suit. light van. Next Church, Old Botany-rd, North Botany.

SOCIABLE, nearly new, hold 6, cost £80, price £38, bargain. Phippard and Co., 91 Pitt-st.

FOR SALE, singly or together, Team 3 Welsh Ponies, splendid match. Holmes, Venice, Randwick.

PONY, 13.2, fast, for SALE or Exchange; also Sulky. Bryant Bros., produce merchants, Ashfield.

FOR Sale, new Sulky Harness, bargain, must sell, £3. 102 Regent-st, Redfern.

FOR SALE, light SPRINGCART, suit butcher, grocer, &c. 25 Arundel-terrace, Forest Lodge.

WANTED, Dead Horses and Cows, highest price, Ring for cart. 8 N. Botany. Lamb, Sewer-rd, Alexn.

WANTED, a Van Turnout, good order. Price and particulars H. Campbell, Gordon-rd, Chatswood.

WANTED, Light Harness MARE, about 14 hands, must be cheap. No. 5 Marriott-st, Redfern.

WANTED, HORSE, HARNESS, and SULKY, with brake. Box 644, G.P.O.

WANTED, immed., stanch HORSE, used trams and quiet, suit sp. cart. P. W., 17 Holborow-st, C'den.

WANTED, good upstanding HORSE, suitable for Dogcart, good mover. Smith, 165 Redfern-st, Redfern.

WANTED, a high, hooded SULKY, in good order, A. W., Rozelle P.O.

WANTED, Hooded Sulky TURNOUT, also Hooded Sulky, to be in gd. ord. Griffiths Bros., 534 Geo.-st.

WANTED, two strong young HORSES, suitable for bread waggon. Apply James Cook, baker, Paddington.

WANTED, a good VAN LOT. Apply by letter to G. W. Bateman, 82 Glebe-rd, Glebe.

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AUCTION SALES.

ORDER OF SALE
VARIOUS PROPERTIES
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.,
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY).

NORTH ANNANDALE.—House, Islington, No. 14 Ferris-street, between Albion and Reserve streets. Executors' sale.
NEWTOWN.—Shop and Two Houses, Northwood-street, through to Church-street.
DOUBLE BAY.—Cottage, Pelham-street. Leasehold. Executors' sale.
ROSE BAY.—Allotments, George-street, Silverton Estate.
ST. PETERS.—Six Shops and Dwellings. The Markets, King-street, opposite St. Peter's Hotel. Equity of redemption.
DITTO.—Eight Dwellings and two Shops, corner of King and George streets. Equity of redemption.
BURWOOD.—Cottage, Zephyr, Burwood-road, near St. Paul's Church. Equity of redemption.
STRATHFIELD.—Cottage, Chatham, Morwick-street, near Recreation Ground.
HUNTER'S HILL.—Residence and 2 acres, De Milhau-street and Gladesville-road, close to steamers' wharf.
PENSHURST.—Butcher's Shop and Cottage, Ocean-street, near main Forest-road.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

CHATSWOOD.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS SITES.
SALE by Public Auction on THURSDAY, 21st, at 11.30,
Corner VICTORIA-AVENUE and VICTORIA-STREET, 40 x 120.
Corner VICTORIA-AVENUE and ARCHER-STREET (Sir Arthur Stepney's Estate), 40ft to Victoria-avenue by a depth along Archer-street of 115.7.
Corner VICTORIA-AVENUE and ARCHER-STREET, on north-west side, 60 to VICTORIA-AVENUE by a depth along ARCHER-STREET of 150ft to 20ft lane at rear.

TITLE TORRENS.

HUGH DUFF AND CO. have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, 283 George-street, on THURSDAY, 21st January, at 11.30, above VALUABLE BUSINESS SITES.

HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers,
283 George-street, and Chatswood.

GORDON.

5 CHOICE RESIDENTIAL SITES,
Adjoining GORDON STATION,
POSITIVE SALE on THE GROUND,
SATURDAY, 23rd JANUARY, at 3.30.

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Sec. 5, of GORDONDALE ESTATE, having a frontage of 66ft to KHARTOUM-AVENUE with a depth of 173 to 175ft to lane at rear.

HUGH DUFF AND CO. have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the GROUND, on SATURDAY, 23rd January, at 3.30, as above.
Further particulars from
HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers,
283 George-street, and Chatswood.

GORDON.

SATURDAY, 23rd JANUARY.
ON THE GROUND, at 4 o'clock.
GRAND RESIDENTIAL SITE, CLOSE to STATION, and adjacent to the residence of W. Reid, Esq.
4 ACRES 1 ROOD 6 1-3 PERCHES, fronting MOUNT WILLIAM-STREET, being Lot 31, Sec. 2, of GORDONDALE ESTATE, GORDON.

HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the GROUND, on SATURDAY, 23rd January, at 4 o'clock, the above Valuable RESIDENTIAL SITE.
HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers,
283 George-street, opp. Hunter-street, and Chatswood.

THE AVENUES ARE PLANTED WITH SPLENDID ORNAMENTAL TREES.
THE VIEWS ARE MAGNIFICENT.
THE BLOCKS ARE LARGE.
THE LAND IS HIGH.
THE TERMS ARE EASY.
At RUSSELL LEA ESTATE, FIVE DOCK,
NEXT SATURDAY.
Get a Litho. from
HARDIE and GORMAN,
133 Pitt-street.

INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp,
Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horse, and Harness.
And at 11.30 a.m.,
Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised.
Tel., 1331.

ENGLISH DOGCART.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. B. FAIRFAX to sell by Auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), at 11.30 a.m.,
SUPERIOR DOGCART, built to order, by Laurie and Marner, of London, in perfect order.

STYLISH DOGCART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Brown Gelding, 7 years, broken to saddle and harness, thoroughly quiet and used to town; Dogcart (B.-M.), in splendid order, and Harness, a neat turnout.

HOODED BENT-SHAFT SULKY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Hooded B. S. Sulky, trimmed with leather.

SUPERIOR DOGCART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. M. ALLEN to sell by Auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Stylish Black Cob, 14 hands, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, elegant Dogcart (built by Vial), and Set of Brass-mounted Harness, making a very desirable turnout for private use.

ENGLISH DOGCART.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. B. FAIRFAX, to sell by Auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Superior Dogcart, built to order, by Laurie O'Marner, of London, in perfect order.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. BROWN to sell by Auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock,
Chestnut Gelding, 3 yrs., about 13.3, by Courage, from a well-bred mare, handled to lead.

RACING PONY MISS EUROKA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. Chennocks, Campbelltown, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
MISS EUROKA, chestnut mare, 5 years, 14.2, Kens. cert., by Euroka. Full particulars at Sale.

SHETLAND PONY AND DRAUGHT GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Black Shetland Pony Gelding, 11.2, perfectly quiet in saddle and harness; also Black Draught Gelding, stanch and reliable, any trial.

WELL-BRED S. and H. MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Mare, 5 years, by Lord Cyrus, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, a good mover.

RELIABLE 14-HAND S. and H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Uther to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Grey Gelding, 14 hands, thoroughly quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, a good mover.

CHILD'S PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. F. Orr to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Handsome Bay Pony Mare, 12 hands, broken to saddle, very quiet, and accustomed to children.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 sharp:—
On account of Messrs. D. Buffier, C. Briggs, M'Intosh Bros., and other owners.
60 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

PURE-BRED JERSEY COW AND CALF.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Railway Saleyards, THIS DAY, at the usual hour,
Pure-bred Jersey Cow, in full milk, with young Calf at foot.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
AT 2.30 P.M.

40
REALLY GOOD SORTS OF

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On account Manager, Dunumbral Station, Collarendabri.
15 High-class light Horses, several of which are by the well-known sires CLIMAX and ROYAL CONSORT, all in splendid condition, broken in, quiet.
On account Mr. WM. RICE, Narromine.
10 Specially Good Heavy Draught Horses, all the right ages, in the pink of condition.
***From advices received from Mr. Rice, the above should be found a very fine lot, and Brewers, Heavy Carriers, and others should not fail to attend the sale.
On account Mr. PARTOP SINGLE, P.O., Nowra.
15 Heavy and Active Draught Horses, all the right ages for work, in good condition, broken and unbroken.

ST. MARYS.

29 miles by rail (1 hour's journey from Sydney).

RAILWAY CATTLE SALEYARDS
(next to Railway Station).

***We beg to notify that we will hold our next sale at the above Yards on SATURDAY, January 23rd, 1904. Owners who intend favouring us with the sale of their Stock at the above time will oblige by sending particulars at once.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON, AUCTIONEERS,
244 PITT STREET, SYDNEY.

WOOL SALES, by Auction, will be held TO-DAY, THURSDAY, at the SYDNEY WOOL EXCHANGE, BRIDGE-STREET, at 3 p.m., as under:—
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.: 5011 bales.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL AND PRODUCE COY., Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Royal Exchange, Bridge-street, THIS DAY, January 14th, at 3 p.m., 2500 Bales of Wool.

SALES by Auction will be held TO-DAY by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10 a.m. Tallow.—At 2.30 p.m.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY will sell, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30,
Hair, Horns, and Bones.
And at 2.30 o'clock, Tallow.

PICTON.

MONTHLY STOCK SALE.

FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1904.

R. H. INGLIS has received instructions to sell, at his Saleyards, Picton, on FRIDAY, 15th January, 1904, at 1.30:—
On account Messrs. J. MULHOLLAND, G. BAXTER, E. G. BARKER, and others—
200 Choice Dairy, Fat, and Young Cattle, comprising:—
50 Prime Fat Bullocks, great quality, nice weights, and have been fattened on one of the best local paddocks.
15 Good Bullocks, 4 and 5 years, in very forward condition.
30 First-class Springing Heifers.
20 First-class Springing Cows.
40 Choice Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 3 years.
45 Mixed Young Cattle.

THIS DAY.
UNRESERVED SALE
of
SUPERIOR HIGH-CLASS JEWELLERY.

On the Premises of the
N. S. WALES MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY,
74 Castlereagh-street.
At 10.30 o'clock.—THE BALANCE OF SUNDRIES.
At 11.30 o'clock.—THE BALANCE OF JEWELLERY,
comprising:—
HUNTING and O.F. GOLD and SILVER KEYLESS CHRONOGRAPHS.
LADIES' and GENTS.'S GOLD and SILVER LEVER and WALTHAM WATCHES.
SINGLE-STONE, HALF-HOOP, and CLUSTER DIAMOND RINGS.
Gold Alberts, Necklets, Links, and Solitaires.
Diamond Bracelets, Brooches, Earrings, Studs, Lockets, Pins, etc.
Dress, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the N. S. WALES MONT DE PIETE D. and I. CO. to Sell by Auction, THIS DAY, on the above premises, The Balance of the Company's Unredeemed Sundries and Jewellery, as above.

NORTH SYDNEY.
FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

On the Premises,
No. 9 FITZROY-STREET, MILSON'S POINT.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Comprising Dining and Bedroom Furniture, Sideboard, Leather Couch, Dining Table, B.M. Bedsteads, Austrian Chairs, Combination Chest of Drawers, Toilet Pairs, Single Bedsteads, New Beale Sewing Machine (latest improved), Dover Stove, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, Copper and Stand, also lot of Groceries.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS, 78 Walker-street, North Sydney, have received instructions from owner, who is leaving the district, to sell as above.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2 o'clock, New and Second-hand Clothing, Boots, Furniture, Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Washstands, etc.—H. LEVY sells by auction, at 135 Regent-street. No Reserve.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30.

MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, at No. 170 George-street West, opposite St. Barnabas' Church, a Valuable Assortment Superior FURNITURE, including Plate Glass Sideboards, Wardrobe, Combination Chests, Overmantels, Linoleum, Handsome Bedsteads, Kapok Bedding, Toilet Pairs, Washstands, Crockery, Dresser, and Sundries. Also, Set Sulky Harness. NO RESERVE.

TO DEALERS, BOARDING-HOUSE PROPRIETORS, RESTAURANT KEEPERS, and Others.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions from Mr. Hills, who is relinquishing business, to sell by public auction, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, the 15th, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, Nos. 10 and 12 Erskine-street, known as the A.U.S.N. Coffee Palace, the whole of the Stock-in-Trade, Without the Slightest Reserve.
80 Assorted Chairs, 20 Tables, Mirrors, Urns, Screens, Linoleum, E.P. Ware, Cutlery, Cruets, Glassware, Crockery.
And a quantity of useful Miscellaneous Furniture. Also, large Cooking Range, Younger's, in A1 order.
HYAM HAINS, Licensed Auctioneer and Valuator. Offices: 243 Pitt-street, City-chambers.

ANGLOS, Accordions, Banjos, Guitars, from 2s 6d weekly. Howard and Co., Woollahra.

M'MAHON'S POINT, NORTH SYDNEY.

ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY,
14th JANUARY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

At the Residence,
"GREENHEYS," LOWER BAY VIEW-STREET,
M'MAHON'S POINT, NORTH SYDNEY

THE WHOLE OF THE VERY HANDSOME
FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,
including
Table Glass, China, and Electroplate.

ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS and LINOLEUMS,
all of the very best quality.

SOLID WALNUT FIVE-FEET SIDEBOARD.
ELEGANT WALNUT OVERMANTEL.
PATENT TELESCOPE DINING TABLE.

ROSEWOOD INLAID DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.

VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS and WATER COLOUR DRAWINGS

UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE.
by FRANZ HOFFMAN, in ITALIAN WALNUT CASE.
***A remarkably fine instrument, possessing rare qualities of tone. Can be highly recommended.

SUPERIOR OAK ROLL-TOP DESK,
REVOLVING OFFICE CHAIR.

HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITE,
and
GENERAL BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS.

No. 415 EUREKA GAS STOVE,
Enamelled Top and Sides.

PATENT TWO-ROLLER MANGLE,
&c., &c.

***ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Limited,
has received imperative instructions from the proprietor to conduct the Important Sale by Auction, at the Residence, as above.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
15th JANUARY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.,
AT THE AUCTION SALE ROOMS
of
LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD.,
128-130 PITT-STREET, near King-street.

HIGHLY SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE
and
GENERAL EFFECTS,
comprising the Furnishing of Several Suburban Residences, removed to the Rooms for convenience of Sale,
including
USEFUL TABLE APPOINTMENTS.
Cut Crystal Glass, China, Cutlery, and Electroplate.

SUPERIOR CARPETS.
SUBSTANTIAL DINING-ROOM FURNITURE
of
MODERN MANUFACTURE,
including Several Boldly Designed Sideboards, Telescope Dining Tables, Open and Enclosed Dinner Waggons, Elegant Overmantels, and Handsome Suites Upholstered in Leather.

HALL AND LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS.

FINE OLD MAHOGANY CHIPPENDALE BOOKCASE, fitted with Escritoire and Drawers under.

DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS.
Valuable Pictures and Ornaments.

SEVERAL HIGH GRADE *PIANO-FORTES.*

HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITES.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING,
and
A LARGE AND MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION
of
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES,
Also,
SEVERAL TYPEWRITERS,
Remington, The Barlock, Caligraph, and others.

COLLIE BITCH AND THREE COLLIE PUPS,
Nancarrow's Kennels.

Etc., etc., etc.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.,
WILL CONDUCT THE IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION AT THE ROOMS, 128-130 PITT STREET, as above.

THIS DAY, 14th JANUARY, AT THE CITY MART,
8 SPRING-STREET,
At 12 o'clock.

Under instructions from Messrs. PARBURY, HENTY, and CO.

569 PACKAGES INDIAN TEAS,
185 " CEYLON "
Ex Fortunatus, Barbarossa, etc.

Under instructions from Messrs. FRASER, RAMSAY, and CO.,

605 PACKAGES CEYLON TEAS,
Ex Itzehoe, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO.
will Sell by Auction, the above.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY,
at the City Mart, at 12 o'clock.

First Line to be offered,
With all Faults,
Ex STASSFURT—
2 Bales White Laid Writing Paper,
17 x 27, 22lb.
6 Bags Japan RICE.
4 Bags PEPPER.
16 Coils ½in 3 ply GARDEN HOSE.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO. will sell by auction, the above.

FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, on the PREMISES, 271 GEORGE-STREET,
At 11 A.M.
UNRESERVED CLEARANCE SALE,
Consisting of Paperhangings,
Viz., Friezes, Borders, Fillings, Dados, and Ceiling Centres, Proscenium Decorations, Metal Ceiling Centres.

VARNISH.

ASSORTED MIXED PAINTS,
GLUE, and WHITE ZINC.

FANCY GLASS,
consisting of Amber-coloured Quarry, Blue Rolled, Blue Diamond, Wire Rolled, White Diamond, large and small White Quarry, Green Diamond.

ROOM MOULDINGS.
VITREMANIE and GLACIER, with DECORATIONS.

DOOR PANELS, EMBOSSED and ENAMELLED.

WINDOW SASHES.

Also,
QUANTITY of OFFICE FITTINGS and FIXTURES.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. have received instructions to sell by auction the above, on the premises, 271 George-street, FRIDAY, 15th January, at 11 A.M.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, JAN. 14th, 11 o'clock.
On the Premises,
O'DOWD-STREET, CHARING CROSS,
WAVERLEY.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
comprising
SIDEBOARD, P.G. BACK, EXTENSION DINING TABLE
UPHOLSTERED COUCH, CLOCK, LINOLEUM
PICTURES, GLASSWARE, CHAIRS, CURTAINS
DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, WIRE MATT., BEDDING
2 WARDROBES, P.G. DOORS, CHESTS of DRAWERS
COT and BEDDING, WASHSTANDS and WARE
SEWING MACHINE, TOILET TABLES and GLASSES
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS.
Also,
LAUNDRY PLANT.
IRONING STOVES, IRONS, COPPER, BENCHES
2 MANGLES, WRINGER, TUBS, BASKETS
4-WHEELED COVERED LAUNDRY CART
UPSTANDING HORSE, SET of HARNESS, and GENERAL APPLIANCES.

BARNARD AND CO.
will Sell by Auction as above,
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
Auctioneers' Offices: 74 CASTLEREAGH-STREET.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY,
AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

On the Premises,
CASTLEREAGH-STREET, CITY.

THE WHOLE of the FURNITURE APPOINTMENTS,
UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO,
150 AUSTRIAN CHAIRS, 30 DINING TABLES
ELECTRO PLATE, GLASS, CHINA
TABLE DAMASK, BED LINEN
WALNUT SIDEBOARD, VALUABLE BRONZES
CHESTS of DRAWERS, DUCHESSE WASHSTANDS
COOKING RANGES, KITCHEN UTENSILS,
Etc., Etc., Etc.
As contained in those Premises known as
THE OXFORD DINING-ROOMS.
To be Sold in One Line as a Going Concern.
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will Sell by Auction as above,
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TO DRAPERS, CLOTHIERS, BOOT SELLERS, etc.

On the Premises, 163 KING-STREET, NEWTOWN.
Under instructions from E. Limburg.
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), AT 11 SHARP.
The Whole of the Stock of GENERAL DRAPERY, CLOTHING, BOOTS and SHOES, FANCY GOODS, Etc., WORKING PLANT, comprising 3 ARC LAMPS, COUNTERS, SHELVING, Etc., also GOODWILL.

M. GOULSTON AND CO.,
Auctioneers.

LAST WEEK OF SALE.

Stock of JEWELLERY, Deceased Estate.
Being sold by single article or in bulk, at 50 per cent. reduction off marked prices.
Also, 2 Large Showcases, 1 Avery's Counter Troy Scales, 2 Fine Office Tables, Lot of Wooden Lasts, 1 Large Milner's Iron Safe (6ft 6in by 4ft 6in by 3ft 6in).
ALL TO BE CLEARED THIS WEEK.
Call and Inspect.
E. M'EVOY and CO., 160 Clarence-street,
2 doors from King-street.

BONDI.—NAUTILUS ESTATE.
NEXT SATURDAY, 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

IMPORTANT AUCTION NOTICE.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN AND WATSON beg to announce that they have received instructions to offer at auction, on

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
11 a.m., at
ORATAVA, 32 STATION-STREET,
NEWTOWN,
5 DOORS FROM TRAM STOP, ENMORE-ROAD,
The Whole of the Very Superior
FURNITURE, WATER-COLOURS, PIANO, ORGAN, etc.
Superior Appointments of the Residence of 8 rooms, halls, and domestic offices,
FOR ABSOLUTE SALE,
owing to Mrs. M'Clean relinquishing housekeeping.

***The SPECIAL ATTENTION of Musical and Fine Art Connoisseurs is respectfully directed to the

MAGNIFICENT WEBER PIANOFORTE,

A WALNUT UPRIGHT GRAND MODEL, that was specially selected for its pure, powerful, liquid tone.
A VALUABLE AMERICAN ORGAN, fitted with 11 Stops, 2 Swells, Mirrored Dome Top, and manufactured by H. Doherty and Co., Ontario, Canada.

N.B.—The Violin is withdrawn from sale.

FIFTEEN SPLENDID WATER-COLOURS,

Specially Painted for Mr. M'Clean by the Veteran Painter, Mr. G. F. GREGORY, and include such MASTERPIECES as "THE ESCAPE OF THE CALLIOPE and TRENTON out of Apia Harbour during the Terrible Storm," "THE BURNING OF THE COSPATRICK," and many other Marine Pictures of thrilling interest.

***These realistic Paintings have been treasured by the Vendor for many years, and are now for POSITIVE SALE, and as the Gifted Artist is now disabled from painting, buyers may depend upon a rising market for such fine works.

CITY and COUNTRY BUYERS of GOOD MIDDLE-CLASS FURNISHINGS and EFFECTS should attend and buy BRUSSELS CARPETS, LINOLEUMS, OILCLOTHS, SUPER 5ft SIDEBOARD, 8ft SCREW TABLE, LEATHER DINING SUITE, EUGENIE COUCH, FANCY CANE CHAIRS, ROSEWOOD CHAIRS, CABINET WHATNOTS, DAVENPORT, WALNUT S. BEDROOM SUITE, LARGE KAURI and CEDAR WARDROBES, DUCHESSE TOILETS, COMB. CHESTS DRAWERS, DOUBLE, THREE-QUARTER, and SINGLE BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, DRESSER, CHINA, GLASS, KITCHEN LOTS, SHELVING, LADY'S BICYCLE.

GENT.'S HOGSKIN SADDLE AND BRIDLE,
a tip-top lot, and cost 6 guineas.
CAPITAL SET BREAST-PLATE BUGGY HARNESS.
DOUBLE DOOR HARNESS CABINET.
PATENT MANGLE, LONG LENGTH ARMOURED HOSE.
VALUABLE SET OF DICKENS' WORKS, Half Morocco, Large Size.
2 SPLENDID WIRE STRETCHERS AND BEDDING.
ABOUT 20 OAK PICTURE FRAMES, suit dealer.
TWO FINE REFRIGERATORS, in good order, both open top and front.
Several Hundred Feet of Fishermen's Rope.

***The Trade and Gentry Furnishing will do well to attend early on FRIDAY. Sale begins in Breakfast Room, then Dining and Drawing Rooms, etc.

Picture Connoisseurs specially invited to attend.

ON VIEW THIS DAY FROM 2 P.M.

Auctioneers' Offices: At Burwood Station.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
AT TEMPORARY PREMISES,
20 YORK-STREET,
Between King and Barrack streets,
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
and
ELEGANT APPOINTMENTS,
Removed from ROCKDALE and WHITEHEAD'S STORE, under instructions from
MRS. R. S. WAYES,
including
WALNUT PIANOFORTE,
by Eminent Maker.
COTTAGE BORD PIANO.

DRAWING-ROOM, DINING-ROOM, HALL, BEDROOM, and KITCHEN FURNITURE.

CHINA, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY.

CARPETS, LINOLEUMS, OILCLOTHS,
SIDEBOARDS, TABLES, CHAIRS, HALLSTANDS,
OVERMANTELS, MIRRORS, CHAIRS, OCC. TABLES,
WHATNOTS, BRACKETS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS.

SOLID WALNUT LEATHER SUITE.

SILK TAP. DRAWING-ROOM SUITE.

SEVERAL GOOD BEDROOM SUITES.

EXCELLENT ICECHEST.

NUMEROUS LINES THAT GO TO COMPLETE FURNISHING.

NOTICE.
*** As these Commodious Rooms must be vacated by the 21st inst., VENDORS and PURCHASERS who have goods stored are requested to remove same prior to above date.

NO RESERVE,

SYDNEY DAVIS,
AUCTIONEER,
3 Post Office-chambers. Tel., 2157.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

AT KELSON'S CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS,
115 Bathurst-street.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, JAN. 14, 1904,
AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP,
Continuing the Sale all day, with short break for lunch.

THE CONTENTS and COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS and APPOINTMENTS of a VILLA RESIDENCE, removed to the Rooms for better display and convenience of Sale,
Comprising
CRYSTAL GLASSWARE, FINE CHINA, CUTLERY, ELECTROPLATE, TAPESTRY, TABLE CLOTHS.

HANDSOME DINING ROOM FURNITURE.

A1 QUALITY LINOLEUM, FINE CARPETS, BEAUTIFUL LACE and SILK TAPESTRY CURTAINS.

DRAWING ROOM SUITE IN FANCY BAMBOO.
CHARMING ROSEWOOD CHAIRS, WICKER CHAIRS, HEARTH RUGS, WALNUT O'MANTELS.

VALUABLE UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, the HAPSBURG, in Walnut Case, with all Latest Improvements, etc.

THE MASSIVE FURNISHINGS of 4 BEDROOMS,
consisting of
3 BEDROOM SUITES, of Superior Designs and Excellent Manufacture, BEACONSFIELD WARDROBES.
M.T. WASHSTANDS, DUCHESSE CHESTS.
TOILET WARE.
BRASS and NICKEL MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, Single and Double, complete, with Wire and Kapok Bedding.
BLANKETS, SHEETS, and QUILTS.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES, and MISCELLANEOUS FURNISHINGS.

*** As the Rooms are packed full of goods, every line offered must go to the Highest Bidder.

VINCENT H. KELSON
AUCTIONEER,
has received instructions from the Mortgagees to conduct this Important Sale.

SURRY HILLS—REDFERN.
TO THE FURNITURE TRADE, PRIVATE BUYERS, SPECULATORS, and others.
THIS THURSDAY MORNING, at 11 sharp,
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
THE SUPERB AND UP-TO-DATE FURNISHINGS of a large 2-story RESIDENCE.
ON THE PREMISES, 33 BOURKE-STREET,
near CLEVELAND-STREET, Redfern side.
Take Crown or Cleveland streets tram.
DRAWING, DINING, HALL, BREAKFAST, SINGLE, ¾, DOUBLE BED ROOM APPOINTMENTS,
as detailed in yesterday's issue of this journal.
MASSIVE WALNUT SIMON LIPP PIANOFORTE, equal to new
BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN ORGAN, The Gem
BATHOD VIOLIN, cost £10 10s, and first-class Guitar
SILK TAP. and PLUSH BIJOU DRAWING SUITE
SOLID BLACKWOOD AND REAL LEATHER DINING SUITE
RATTAN and BAMBOO Occ. FURNITURE
5-foot MODERN SIDEBOARD, 3.6 do., 8 x 4 Screw Table, sp. leaves
ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS and RUGS
HEAVY LINOLEUMS and FLOOR COVERINGS
WALNUT OVERMANTELS and PIERGLASSES
COSTLY ORNAMENTS, PICTURES, PLAQUES, CURTAINS, &c
SOLID CEDAR BOOKCASE, M. T. HALL STAND
Latest Improved SINGER SEWING MACHINE, 7 Drawers
TABLE PLATE, CROCKERY, and GLASSWARE
THE SINGLE, ¾, BALCONY, and DOUBLE BEDROOMS are sumptuously appointed throughout, including beautiful BRASS-MOUNTED ¾-TESTER BEDSTEADS, complete, with best wires, Kapok Bedding, Blankets, Sheets, and Quilts
4 FIRST-CLASS DOUBLE BEDSTEADS
SINGLE and DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITES
TOILET PAIRS, TOILET WARE, COUCHES, LOUNGES, EASY CHAIRS, &c, &c
Kitchen, Yard, and Laundry Requisites, Pot Plants, &c
Double-door Glass Front Dresser, beautifully made.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB, under instructions from Mrs. Fern, who is leaving Sydney, will sell as above, absolutely Without Reserve. Doors open at 10 o'clock.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, JAN. 15, at 11,
BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
At the Rooms,
417 PITT-STREET, opp. People's Palace, Haymarket.
3 VAN LOADS FIRST-CLASS FURNITURE.
Collard and Collard Piano; Drawing, Dining, Hall, Single, ¾ and Double Bedroom Appointments; now being carted to the rooms, under instructions from the mortgagees. No Reserve. Particulars to-morrow.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell as above.

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COAL, FIREWOOD, &c.

AT the North Shore Gas Works, COKE, large or broken, per ton 8s 4d, per bag 5d.

PELAW-MAIN Coal makes cooking a pleasure. Lockley Bros.' Wharf, Druitt-st. Tel., 1878.

CORNETS, Baritones, etc., from 2s 6d weekly. Write for band lists. Howard and Co., Woollahra.

A DAUGHTER OF KINGS.

By KATHARINE TYNAN.

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CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

Anne had been trying to get in a word with still that troublesome lump in the throat, which was a new and horrible experience to a calm and repressed nature like hers. At last she succeeded.

"I'm not going visiting, Gran," she said. "The *rose*-satin would be far too fine for me. I have asked the Duchess to find me something to do, and she has done it."

"Something to do, Anne Daly! What do you mean by something to do! There was a quaver of alarm in the old voice that went to Anne's heart. "It isn't possible you are getting restless now, after all these years? And what is there that you can do? The Dalys may be down in the world, but I haven't brought up my granddaughter to work like a housemaid."

"I'm not restless, I should never be restless with you and the Abbe. Only, Gran, we are very poor; we grow poorer and poorer; and the Duchess has a friend who is willing to give me three hundred pounds a year to take the head of his table and chaperon his daughters. Only that."

Anne smiled wistfully, and the smile, pale as winter sunshine, disarmed the wrath which was the old woman's first impulse.

"Sure, what would you be doing out in the world, child?" she said instead, with curious tenderness. "You were out in it once, and then, if you remember, you didn't like it."

"I should never like it," Anne said, with an attempt at cheerfulness. "Still, for three hundred pounds a year I am prepared to tolerate it. We want the money, Gran."

"True for you, child." Old Madam's shrewd wits were working away against her pride, telling her that it wasn't for to-day nor to-morrow she must think, but for the long, long time afterwards, when she and the Abbe would be laid at rest, and Anne would be left on the earth alone; unless Brian should return. In any discussion on the question of Brian, Madam would have said passionately that Brian *would* return, *must* return; would have quarrelled with her best friend if he or she had held to the contrary; but in her own thoughts it was different.

"True for you, child, we want the money sure enough. Dear me, I little thought when I married your grandfather that I'd ever see my grand-daughter going out as a housekeeper. Poor Jocelyn! it would have broken his heart if the famine hadn't broken it already, and left us as poor as we are into the bargain, or helped to leave us. And who is this person, child? A widower?"

"A widower: a Mr. Corbett, with several sons and daughters."

"A gentleman?"

"A friend of the Duchess. As a matter of fact, I believe his large fortune has been made in business."

Madam's face got red and her voice rose.

"So I'm to live to see my girl, my Peggy's daughter, with her legs under a shopkeeper's mahogany."

"The Duchess says it is only people like this Mr. Corbett who have the money to spend. She speaks of him as her friend, so he cannot be a vulgar person."

"I'm not so sure of that. It's surprising where money will carry you. No one knows better than I do, for I've been about the world, and have seen strange things. But I didn't like to hear you defend the dirty guineas that unlock every door."

"I don't defend them," said Anne, patiently. "They would never unlock and door of mine. But £300 a year is a good deal. It would make things easier for you, Gran, and procure you some comforts you need."

"Don't make an old woman of me, child. I've neither ache nor pain, thank God. As though I'd let you go on the world for that!"

"There is the Abbe. And remember how hard it went with us to pay the interest on the mortgage last year."

"True for you, child. We ought to have a man to help us. What keeps Brian away from us? If Brian were here there would be no talk of your going out housekeeping. You're not—you're not doubting Brian, Anne?"

"I have never doubted Brian."

"He wouldn't forget his pledged word to you, Anne, and you one of his own blood, too. People blame me for that, for letting there be an engagement between you two so young, and first cousins. It isn't a thing I approve of as a general rule, but it isn't the same with us as with other people. There wasn't another girl I'd have looked at for Brian. The boy would never forget you. Anne, if he did, if he could, why, even I would cast him out of my heart for ever. And you're not thinking—you haven't been listening to people who say he won't come back. I know that there are many people who think you ought to have married Finvarra. If you had you needn't be talking of going on the world now. Finvarra's great grandfather was a leather merchant in Cork. They made a lord of him because he sold his country and voted for the Union. Very different from your great grandfather, Anne, my girl, who rode his horse half way into the Chamber to vote against it, because he was near being late through being stopped on the road by Freney and his men. My blessing on Freney; he let him go when he knew what his business was, and mounted him on his own horse, too. They called your great grandfather 'Daly on horseback,' from that day to this."

Madame had forgotten in this stirring reminiscence the fear with which she began her sentence; nor did she remember it till Anne assured her she would never have thought of Lord Finvarra even if there had been no such person as Brian in the world; and, moreover, that no gossip would damp her hope and faith in Brian's returning.

"When he comes back," she said, "we will find that there was some very good reason for his disappearance. How many times have we read of people having been cast away in places which had no means of communicating with the outside world. But Brian was always lucky, Gran; you know how many hairbreadth escapes he had. Some day, any day, he may be picked up. He may be on his way home to us now. The last thing that would strike Brian would be to write. The first thing we will hear of him will be his voice. You may be sure of that, Gran."

Anne was talking as much to put Madam in good-humour as to encourage herself. She succeeded in the first part of her intention.

"And much obliged he'll be to me," said the old lady, getting up in her excitement and walking about, "when I tell him that you're sitting at the head of an English shopkeeper's table. 'Where's Anne?' he'll ask. He always did come in shouting at the top of his voice, 'Where's Anne?' as though there was nobody else in the world."

"Well, then, you'd better not tell him," said Anne, smiling at the old memory. "Just say I'm gone visiting, and telegraph for me and I'll come home as fast as ever I can to welcome Brian."

"'Twould be more becoming," said Madam, with a curious little jealousy for Anne, "if he went to you. And he shall go to you if he returns while you are away from us. I won't have my girl singing, 'Whistle and I'll come t' ye, my lad,' to any man, even to Brian."

"Very well, then, he must come after me and bring me back," said Anne.

She had gained the victory, but it would be hard to imagine anyone feeling more depressed at what she had gained.

CHAPTER V.
"ANOTHER'S STAIRS."

The parting was done and over. After a miserably cold journey, made memorable by the pangs of home-sickness, Anne at last had arrived almost at her journey's end. She had alighted on the platform at Benton, the nearest station to Minster, had had her insignificant luggage put out, and was standing under a flaring gas lamp amid her boxes and bundles, attracting more notice than she knew from those who had lately been her fellow-passengers.

For a few minutes no one came to claim her. The solitary porter had discovered a passenger more obviously wealthy, and was devoting herself to collecting his luggage. She looked about her a little helplessly. It was her first time of travelling alone, and she didn't quite know what to do. She was wearing a very ugly travelling wrap, straight and hideous, purchased, not for ornament but for utility. Madam had lifted up her hands in horror at its ugliness; but then it was warm; it was cheap. The Honiton lace flounce still awaited Anne's wedding. You cannot have beauty thrown in with warmth and cheapness, since you cannot have everything in this world.

Someone stepped up to Anne and lifted his hat.

"Can I do anything to help you?" he asked; "fetch a fly? Get someone to carry your luggage?"

Anne looked at him gratefully. She had no prudery, and she recognised the kindness of the wish to help her.

"You are very good," she said, smiling her thanks at him wistfully. "I am waiting for the Minster carriage. No doubt it will be here presently. It is hardly due yet, I think. The train was so very punctual; it got in before its time."

She caught a flash of amusement in the stranger's bright vivacious eyes, and wondered what could have caused it. He lifted his hat again.

"Please remember that I shall be so glad to be of any use," he said, and went away from her.

As he turned he came almost face to face with a young lady looking more white and golden than ever amid her dark silky furs, Angela Corbett. A glance of interest, almost of recognition, passed between them as they met and passed each other.

"Miss Daly," said Angela, at Anne's side, "I do hope you haven't been waiting. I'm afraid we started a little later than I intended."

"I have only just come," said Anne, looking down on the fair, sweet face.

"And you are cold." Angela's hands, bare and warm from her muff, had taken Anne's chilly ones. "You are cold, and you have had a long, tiresome journey. Come with me to the carriage. James will see to your luggage."

They went out together to the brougham, softly lined, and cosy with foot-warmers and luxurious fur rugs. On the way they passed the young man who had been ready to asist Anne. He lifted his hat as they passed him, and Angela looked surprised and a little startled.

"I am so *sorry* you should have had to wait," she said as she tucked the rug about Anne's knees. Her voice already had a sound of devotion in it, the devotion that comes so readily to an imaginative girl for a woman older than herself. Anne for her part was thinking that she had never seen anyone prettier and sweeter than Angela Corbett.

"It was only a few seconds," Anne said again. "*It was not your fault. The train was* very punctual, not like the trains at home. It got in 10 minutes before its time."

Angela under cover of the darkness reached out her hand and gave Anne's hand a delighted squeeze. She had no idea of how much the action warmed Anne's heart.

"I see," she said, with a sound of laughter in her voice. "In Ireland a train is only *unpunctual when it is behind its time. Here* we should call it unpunctual just the same when it was before. Shouldn't you in Ireland?"

"I never knew one to be before its time in Ireland." Anne's voice showed that a light was breaking on her. "But I suppose I have made a bull. That is why he laughed."

"He?"

"The gentleman we passed leaving the station. Seeing me alone he kindly asked if he could be of any use to me. I said what I have just said to you, and I saw that he was amused. He seemed very pleasant."

"He is an artist who is staying at Mrs. Thrapston's, the Blue Boar—the inn in the village. I have seen him about sketching. He has been about here for some time."

"Ah! Artists should have a good time in this country. There is so much wealth. At home we are so poor."

"I wonder if the wealthy recognise their obligations in that way," said Angela, thoughtfully. "I fancy this artist is poor. I have been meaning to speak to papa about him. Papa has been talking for a long time of getting the walls and ceiling of Minster Chapel repainted, if he could get an artist to his mind. It would be strange if Chance brought him to our very doors."

"Or something better than Chance."

"Or something better than Chance. There, Miss Daly! Did you see the pheasant run across the road by the light of the carriage lamps? Poor bundles of gold and bronze; I am so sorry for them now they are shooting them all day. Here we are at Minster gates. We shan't be long now. I shall be so glad to get you home and give you some hot tea. We dine at 8, so that you will have time for a hot bath and a rest before dinner."

(To be continued.)

MUNICIPAL BANQUET.

BOROUGH OF RANDWICK.

At the Randwick Town Hall on Tuesday night a banquet was given by the Mayor (Alderman George Gale) to celebrate the placing in the council-chambers of a picture of the ex-Mayors, aldermen, and officers of the council for the coronation year of King Edward VII. Amongst those present were—Sir John See (Premier), Mr. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., Mr. Henry Clarke, M.L.A., Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., several ex-Mayors, the sitting aldermen, with Mr. E. H. Strachan (council clerk), Mr. J. E. Phelan (assistant), and Mr. W. Barnes (inspector of health), Alderman George (Paddington), Dr. J. A. Dick, Dr. P. J. Kenna, and many others.

A meeting of the council was first held in the council-chambers, and after referring to the progress of the borough since its incorporation in 1859 the Mayor unveiled the large picture of all the ex-Mayors and officials but two. The Mayor stated that it was hoped that the missing photographs would be procured at a later date.

The banquet took place in the main hall. The Mayor presided, and was supported by the Premier (Sir John See) on his right, and Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A., on his left.

After the loyal toasts had been honoured, Alderman J. Snape proposed "The State Parliament," to which replies were made by Mr. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., Mr. Henry Clarke, M.L.A., and Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A. The last-named stated that he would cordially support the Government in passing the Redistribution of Seats Bill.

Mr. J. A. I. Perry proposed the "Borough of Randwick and Municipal Institutions." The chairman, in reply, referred to the great progress of the borough.

The "Ex-Mayors" was submitted by Mr. P. Hogan, and acknowledged by Messrs. J. Stutchbury (1876), G. Wall (1879), G. Denning (1883), James Robertson (1890), H. F. Francis (1893), F. W. H. Pearce (1894), W. Huiston (1898), and Sir John See (1880).

The Premier said for years Randwick had been looked upon as a model borough. He could look back nearly 30 years with pleasant recollections. He and his colleagues in the council did much to bring about some of the advantages enjoyed by the people of Randwick. (Applause.)

BURGLARS IN SUSSEX-STREET.

When one of the employees of Mr. Mark Weinberg, of 169 Sussex-street, arrived at the shop yesterday morning he found unmistakable evidence of a visit by burglars. An entrance to the premises had been effected by wrenching a padlock off the back door, and the safe, which contained a large quantity of jewellery, had been removed from its stand and placed on some clothing on the floor, so that as little noise as possible might be made. It was found that the keyhole had been widened and a plug of dynamite and a detonator placed in it, while about 7ft of fuse was attached. The thieves had evidently been disturbed in their work, for the fuse had not been lighted, but they did not leave quite empty-handed, metal watches and chains of the value of £5 being discovered missing. The watchman in the vicinity states that at about 4 a.m. he saw three men near the shop, and of two of them he has given the police detailed descriptions.

ALLEGED STABBING AFFRAY.

FRACAS IN KING-STREET.

In the charge division of the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., John Thomas Donovan, 65, steward, was charged with having, on January 9, 1904, maliciously wounded one Thomas Benedict Costelloe, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

Thomas Benedict Costelloe, a storeman, residing at Talford-street, Glebe Point, deposed that about 11 o'clock on Saturday night he was standing with several others in front of a tobacconist's shop in King-street. The accused came up to him and said, "Give me a cigarette." Witness said he had none, but accused persisted, and witness pushed him away from him. Accused walked away a little distance, and returned. Witness pushed him away again, and accused stabbed him in the hand. Witness then struck the accused in the face. Accused made several other attempts to stab witness. One stab cut open the elbow of his coat, while another cut open witness' vest and pricked his body. A crowd soon gathered, and the accused got away. Witness afterwards saw the accused at the corner of George and King streets, and gave him into custody. He afterwards went to the hospital, and had his wounds dressed.

In reply to the accused, witness said he did not ask the accused for an apple. He did not try to take an apple out of accused's hand and get his hand cut in doing so. Witness did not strike the accused till he was stabbed.

The accused was committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed.

POLICE COURTS.

A SHIPMASTER FINED.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., Inspector J. T. T. Donohoe proceeded against John S. Booth, master of the steamer Windsor, upon an information which alleged that he contravened the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act by allowing a prohibited immigrant named Law Yum to enter the Commonwealth. Mr. Robison, of the Crown Law Office, appeared to prosecute. Defendant, however, pleady guilty, and was fined £10, with 8s 4d costs.

ATTEMPTED THEFT ON BOARD SHIP.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., Michael Kennedy, 23, a grocer, appeared to answer a charge of attempting to steal a silver watch and chain, of the value of £5, from the person of William Patrick Toohey, on board the steamer Namoi whilst on the high seas between Newcastle and Sydney. From the evidence, it appeared that both prosecutor and accused were steerage passengers on the Namoi from Newcastle, and while dozing in his bunk the prosecutor felt a hand at his watch, and succeeded *in retaining* his hold of what proved to be the hand of the accused, who was given into custody. The accused, who pleaded that he was under the influence of drink at the time, was fined £5, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment. One week was allowed in which to pay the fine.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., presided over the meeting of the Water Licensing Court yesterday, when the transfer of a publican's license from Leonard C. Kennan to Alice M'Donald, Orient Hotel, George and Argyle streets, was granted.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

COOMA, Tuesday.

The Cooma Civilian Rifle Club's first prize shooting for the quarter at 500 and 600 yds, seven shots at each range, resulted as follows:—John Feilen, 60 points; J. Summerell, 55; N. Norris, 54; E. Evans, 49.

Mr. A. J. BOWLING, Elvira, Ky., writes: "My father says that Jayne's Expectorant saved my life when I was a baby, and I regard it as THE BEST REMEDY IN THE WORLD for all diseases of the Throat and Lungs."—Advt.

Illustrations of "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" at the Royal, "Mama's New Husband" at the Palace, and Mel. B. Spurr at the Queen's Hall are in the "Mail."—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice.)

MOTION FOR INJUNCTION.

Windred v Windred.

Mr. Curlewis, instructed by Mr. Maurice E. Price, appeared for the applicant, Charles Albert Melbourne Windred, and moved for an interim injunction to restrain his wife, Emily Windred, from selling, mortgaging, or otherwise disposing of certain land, with buildings thereon, which he claimed as his property. The applicant in his affidavit stated that on May 30, 1884, he and respondent were married; but in August last, differences having arisen between them, they separated, and had since voluntarily lived apart; the defendant remaining in occupation of the land, house, and furniture, in which they had formerly lived. Subsequently he learned that his wife was trying to register a deed purporting to be signed and executed by him, whereby he conveyed the property absolutely to her. He further stated that he had no recollection whatever of having signed the deed in question, and that when he executed it he was under the influence of liquor, and did not know the nature of the document when he signed it.

Application granted until the hearing, with liberty to defendant to serve short notice to set aside the injunction.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice.)

MOTION FOR PROHIBITION.

Re H. E. Brookes (Stedman and another respondents).

Mr. Edmunds appeared for the applicant, Henry E. C. Brookes, of Cadia, mining manager, and moved for a rule nisi calling upon Joseph W. Stedman, also of Cadia, miner, and Mr. E. Marriott, P.M., of Orange, to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not be granted to set aside the decision of the magistrate on December 29 last. It appeared that Stedman sued Brookes to recover the sum of £28 5s 3d, amount of wages due by a company of which Brookes was manager. The summons was issued under the 7th section of the Masters and Servants Act, and the magistrate made an order for the payment of the amount claimed, in default imprisonment for three months; but the time for payment was extended to the 17th of the present month. No evidence was taken in the course of the case, it being admitted, among other things, that the complainant was employed by defendant on behalf of the company, and that the sum claimed had been earned. It was also admitted that complainant knew that he was working for the company under the superintendence of Brookes, as manager, and the legal question at issue was whether defendant, being merely the agent of the company, could have an order made against him for the payment of wages owing by a principal, and in default be subject to imprisonment under the Masters and Servants Act; and, further, whether section 3 of the Truck Act deprived the manager of the protection from imprisonment given by section 8 of the Masters and Servants Act.

Rule granted, and made returnable before the Full Court. A similar order was made in the case of C. S. Gilbert v Brookes.

A FEDERAL CUSTOMS CASE.

Donohoe v Britz.

Mr. Mark Mitchell appeared for Peter Britz, of Sydney, importer, and moved for a rule nisi calling upon Customs Inspector Donohoe and F. S. Isaacs, S.M., to show cause why an order made against applicant should not be set aside. It appeared that Britz on October 17, 1901, imported a quantity of goods, and they were eventually made up into parcels for sale, and labelled. In November, 1903, the Federal Customs authorities laid a complaint against him that he had made an untrue statement that certain of the goods were of the value of £308 6s 8d, whereas they were of the value of £9728 8s 5d. He was subsequently prosecuted under section 234 (E) of the Customs Act, and was fined £25, in default two months' imprisonment. He now appealed on a number of grounds, but mainly on the ground that the evidence disproved the offence charged as a matter of law, as there was no untrue declaration within the meaning of the Customs Act, 1901; and that section 144 did not apply to the goods which were the subject of the information.

Rule granted, and made returnable befoe the Full Court.

PROBATE COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice.)

Probates were granted in the estates of Thomas Rowley Briggs, Charles Green, and William Edmund Strong, deceased.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice.)

DECREE NISI.

LAWLER v LAWLER.

Mr. Windeyer, instructed by Messrs. Pigott and Stinson, appeared for petitioner, Emma Victoria Lawler, and moved for a decree nisi for dissolution of the petitioner's marriage with John Garrett Lawler on the findings of Mr. Justice Pring at Dubbo. The application was granted, and the decree was made returnable in three months.

DECREES ABSOLUTE.

His Honor made absolute the decrees nisi granted in the following suits, and declared the marriages dissolved:—Dorothy Mackay v James Clune Mackay, Emma Ann Thomson v George Thomson, Frances Maria Miller v Joseph John Miller, Catherine Ellen Ackers Moloney v William Moloney, Sarah Violet Eddy v William Thomas Eddy, Edith Jane Dalton v Francis Michel Dalton, Lillie May Lester v Hiram Lester, Louisa Hebron Kelleher v Daniel Joseph Kelleher, Ada Sefton v Charles Clare Sefton, Geoffrey Ernest Albert Butler v Emily Butler, Elizabeth Court v Hugh Court, Oscar Baker Green v Amy Maud Green.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

CREDITOR'S PETITION.

Tillock and Co., of Sydney, merchants, v W. H. Wagstaff, of Emu Plains, storekeeper. Petition to be heard January 18.

CUSTOMS COURT.

The Collector of Customs, Mr. N. Lockyer, held inquiries in a number of cases.

CLAIMS FOR DRAWBACK.

In this case Paul and Gray, Limited, made a claim for drawback not properly payable. A quantity of beet sugar was submitted to an officer prior to shipment, and he found bags branded "Ripple Creek over A over 3"—a brand of Queensland cane sugar. On the same export entry two bags were entered outwards as cane sugar, branded "BP in diamond." The defendants admitted that the entry was incorrect. Decision was reserved.

Davies and Fehon had made a claim for drawback on fruit not properly payable. An export entry was passed on 2120 cases of canned fruits. The first 1700 were examined by a Customs officer, and found to be good. The next 200 were found to be valueless, and the attention of the exporters' clerk was drawn to the fact. The Customs officer refused to endorse the drawback entries. Defendants, who had claimed drawback on the whole lot, pleaded guilty to a technical breach of the Act owing to a mistake. Decision was reserved.

MISDESCRIPTION OF GOODS.

In this case C. A. Fairland, customs agent for Mrs. M'Cathie, was the respondent. Owing to a mistake in instructions, he described as lace known as cotton mechlin, which should have borne 15 per cent. duty, as cotton (5 per cent. duty). The mistake was admitted. Decision was reserved.

ENTRY OMITTED.

Elliott Brothers, respondents, had omitted to enter goods enclosed in a case. On November 18 a warehousing entry had been made for a case of perfumed spirits, said to contain six dozen bottles. On November 30 it was examined by a Customs officer, who made inquiries, and found that a second invoice had been received showing that the case contained an additional 19 dozen bottles and a quantity of sachets and other powders, these being dutiable goods. The entry was not passed. Respondents admitted that the goods should have been entered, but stated that they did not know the case contained goods other than those described in the first invoice until the second invoice was received. Decision was reserved.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, January 14.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk: Re gent. one, &c, ex parte Lanppe, 11 a.m.; re gent one, &c., ex parte Campbell, 2.30 p.m.

In Equity.—Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Condobolin Gold-mining Company, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Deputy Registrar, to pass accounts: Thomas MacCulloch, 10.30.

COURT OF MARINE INQUIRY.—Thursday, January 14.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse and Assessors in No. 1 District Court, at noon.—Re the St George.

WOMEN, ESPECIALLY MOTHERS, are most competent to appreciate the purity, sweetness, and delicacy of Cuticura Soap, and to discover new uses for it daily. Its remarkable emollient, cleansing, and purifying properties warrant its use in the form of washes or solutions for annoying irritations, inflammations, and chafings, for ulcerative weaknesses, and for many sanative purposes which readily suggest themselves. Gentle anointings of Cuticura Ointment, the great skin cure, and mild doses of Cuticura Resolvent Pills, to cool and cleanse the blood, will prove of astonishing benefits.—Advt.

THE DRINK—PAR EXCELLENCE.
Fry's Cocoa. Be sure you get it.—Advt.

The "Mail" has interesting illustrations of three of the signals which it is claimed were hoisted by the Wallaroo after the accident.—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

THE RAILWAY APPEAL BOARD.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

Last night about 50 railway men were addressed by Mr. T. D. Richards, member of the Railway Appeal Board, and by Mr. Young, M.L.A. Mr. Richards dealt with the work of the appeal board. 500 appeals had been heard, 60 being allowed, about 140 modified, and 299 dismissed. The locomotive running staff made 51 appeals, 42 being successful. The traffic staff presented 21 appeals, 10 being successful. The remainder were from all the branches. Referring to the question of amalgamation, he said he hoped that the traffic employees would drop all ill-feeling regarding the recent decision of the Arbitration Court, and abide by it. The best way to obtain greater results was to fill up the ranks of an Amalgamated Association.

Mr. Young strongly advocated amalgamation. He deplored sectionalism. The combination of employees in New Zealand and Australia had improved the condition of trade. When the worker attained the same intellectual level as the employer, then would come the tug-of-war. Some people cried out about class legislation, but 70 per cent. of the people were physical workers, and if they liked to exercise their power, could put into Parliament whichever class suited them alone. If separate unions were formed it would bring about the destruction of the object at which the unions aimed.

MUNICIPAL.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

At the last council meeting correspondence was read from the Railway Commissioners relative to the blocking of the water in Molong Creek. The council complained of the action of the Commissioners in blocking the flow of water by a weir constructed at the railway station. The aldermen threaten that if the Commissioners repeat the offence they will apply for an injunction immediately. The council has decided to cite a case in Equity for the recovery of rates owing on property in the principal part of the town.

ALLEGED SERIOUS ASSAULT.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

William M'Carroll was before the court this morning to answer a charge of attempted assault upon a domestic servant at North Wagga on Sunday morning. Lengthy evidence was given by Senior-sergeant Anderson, who arrested accused; also by complainant, who positively identified accused as her assailant. The latter stoutly proclaimed his innocence on oath, stating that he had never seen the girl before. The lockup-keeper deposed that accused said to him when in his charge that complainant knew him all right whilst she was at the lockup for the purpose of identification, but she had no case, because there was nobody present when the assault took place. Accused denied making the statement. He was remanded to the next Wagga Quarter Sessions.

FIRES.

GILGANDRA, Wednesday.

A fire broke out at Murray's Hotel last night, owing to a lamp falling amongst a lot of samples which were displayed in the sample room. The fire was fortunately stopped before much damage had been done. The loss sustained was slight. The samples belonged to Mr. J. Selby, traveller for Messrs. Feldheim, Gotthelf, and Co.

FIRE AT SUTHERLAND.

SUTHERLAND, Wednesday.

On Tuesday night a three-roomed cottage at Yowie Bay, the property of Mr. M'Iver, was destroyed by fire. The only occupant at the time of the outbreak being Mrs. M'Iver, her efforts were futile to extinguish the flames. The outbreak is supposed to have been caused through the bed curtains being blown on to the flame of a burning candle. It is understood the property had been insured, but it is not known here whether the policy had been renewed.

THE GUNDAGAI HOSPITAL.

FOUNDATION-STONE LAID BY MR. WADDELL.

GUNDAGAI, Wednesday.

The foundation-stone of the new hospital was laid this afternoon by Mr. Waddell, State Treasurer. Nearly £500 was placed on the stone, Mr. James Robinson giving £100, Mrs. Robinson £100, Mr. Wallace Robinson £50, and Mr. R. F. L. Horsley £50. Mr. Waddell was presented with a silver trowel by the contractor, and was entertained at luncheon by the committee. Messrs. Donaldson and Barnes, M.L.A., were present. The new building is to cost over £3000, and is to be completed in May next.

TYPHOID FEVER.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is causing some anxiety in the Maitland district; 16 cases were in the hospital yesterday, and two were admitted to-day.

PROTESTANT ALLIANCE FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Queen Victoria Lodge, No. 66, P.A.F.S. of Australia, was held on Monday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall. The following officers were installed:—W.M., Bro. D. Hooker; P.M., Bro. P. Crampton; D.M., Bro. F. Jackson; secretary, Bro. R. H. Jarman; treasurer, Bro. W. H. Crossley; chaplain, Bro. G. Tisdell; senior elder, Bro. C. Williams; junior elder, Bro. H. Needham; guardian, Bro. T. Newton; auditors, Bros. C. R. Waring and G. H. Coughlan. Bro. Crossley was elected to represent the lodge at the grand council. The secretary read the annual balance-sheet. The income for the past year was £485, and the expenditure £405, showing a profit of £80 on the business of the 12 months. The lodge funds are in credit £800, and the members' roll stands at 135.

THE CHURCHES.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

The Rev. Mr. Ashworth, who was ordained on Sunday by Bishop Barlow at Goulburn, has been appointed to act as curate here, and will arrive in February.

CHARGE OF WHEAT STEALING.

COOLAMON, Wednesday.

Quite a stir was caused here to-day when Sergeant Dupree, of Junee, and Constable Morris, of Coolamon, brought in four well-known farmers charged with stealing and removing by team a quantity of bags of wheat. It appears that a quantity of grain had been disappearing, and the police, from information received, secreted themselves last night in a paddock, and waited till a waggon was loaded, when the arrests were made. The men are now in the local lockup, and the wheat has been seized.

HAY, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Court Waradgery, Independent Order of Foresters, last night, Mr. J. W. Boardman, who is leaving the town, was presented with a travelling bag and a Chief Ranger's regalia.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

Much indignation is expressed here at the fisheries regulations, so far as they refer to the Murrumbidgee. The river was kept closed till December 21, and next day it became muddy, and has remained in that condition up till the present. Not one day's fishing has been obtained in these parts since early in 1903. The Wagga Fish Protection Society propose to present a monster petition from all Murray River waters to the Board of Fisheries, requesting that body to make the regulations more reasonable.

WILCANNIA, Wednesday.

The Licensing Bench to-day, for the second time, refused two applications for wine licenses for premises at White Cliffs, considering that the wine supply of the hotels was sufficient.

FUTURE RACIAL STRUGGLE.

Lady Sarah Wilson, in the course of an article describing her travels in North-Western Rhodesia, which appears in the December number of the "Pall Mall Magazine," says that a common subject of conversation is the future of the black. "Some," she says, "perhaps the pessimists, will foretell, maybe in twenty, maybe in twenty-five years, a great tussel and trial of strength between the white and the black races of South Africa, a desperate struggle before which any previous wars will fade into insignificance—a struggle wherein our late foes, the Boers, will be our most trusted and valuable allies. Their reasons for this forecast are not altogether chimerical. In the first place the black population is increasing at an almost alarming rate since the protection of England, and consequent peace and prosperity have put an end to the numerous raids which used to wipe out the inhabitants of entire districts. Then, excessive education, the wish to emulate the white settler in his civilised habits of house and dress without abandoning their own peculiarities of domestic life, all tend to evolve a new species of humanity with more rapidity than prudence. Again, as every year passes, these men, who lately knew no other weapon than the assegai, are becoming possessed of modern rifles and ammunition, and they are also learning to make very good use of the same. (I am not talking of the native police, who, of course, are under very strict discipline.) All these circumstances 'give to think,' as the French say, and anyway are a source of anxiety to those men whose home is in these far away regions, and whose whole life is devoted to their development."

Group Photographs of the crews of the Sayonara and the Bona, and the Secretaries and Measurers, are in the "Mail."—Advt.

EDUCATION REFORM.

THE SYSTEM OF INSPECTION.

NEW SCHEME IN VICTORIA.

The Wilson Hall at the Melbourne University on Monday night (reports the "Argus") was well filled with an audience of about 500 teachers to hear the lecture by Mr. Tate, director of education in Victoria, on the revised inspection and examination scheme, in which he was expected to make some important announcements respecting the future working of the State education system.

Mr. Tate said he proposed to say a few words about the new scheme which was to be introduced during the coming year, and the interest in knowing how their work was to be judged accounted for the large attendance. It was felt that all instructions given to teachers and inspectors should be published in the "Education Gazette." The system of examination in the past did not always bring out the true ideal at which the teachers aimed, and in the new system it would be sought to remedy this. In educational works of the past few years there had been a great deal of controversy between advocates of inspection and of examination. In Victoria the endeavour had been made to get the benefits of both, and those who would abolish examination altogether were extremists it was not safe to follow. There was no teacher who was not benefited by the visit of the outside expert, who could tell the character of the work being done, and in the new scheme it was endeavoured to get to a fuller extent the greatest advantages of both inspection and examination. The inspector would under it get more into living sympathetic contact with the realities of school life. The inspector would test the school by occasionally taking part in the school work, and would not scruple to test the classes in oral work in the subject going, or try to find out what the teacher was endeavouring to compass, and if he was adopting methods that would produce lasting results. The inspection would be directive and stimulating to the teacher, and not merely a hurried examination concerned with awarding passes to a large number of children within a certain time. If every child could not be thoroughly examined some of them would be, and the subjects that were taken up would be thoroughly tested. To do this instead of taking, for instance, five geography classes for, say, 12 minutes each and asking a few questions, the inspector might take two classes for half an hour, so that by a thorough test he could see that the subject was being well taught in the school. The system of two visits each year by an inspector to a school would not be continued, for it was thought that one thorough investigation would be better than two hurried visits. Then, too, a system of exemptions was to be adopted, under which each inspector could recommend that certain schools where he was satisfied with the teaching need not be visited, and that would be a compliment to the teachers, who would be left to work out the problems of method in that manner which best suited their environment. That was a freedom which was needed in Victoria, but had not been possible under the old system, where a little drop here or there affected, perhaps, percentage results and salaries. Exemptions might apply in another direction where schools were weak, and an inspector felt he could do better in assisting the teacher to teach than in examining the scholars. As to the subjects themselves, instead of every child being examined in every subject for the purpose of an individual pass, the inspector might form groups, and the best of the group would be taken as that of the class. Thus a hundred children might be divided into four groups, and examined in four different subjects at the same time, thus assuring a more full and thorough test of the results of the teaching of each subject. The inspector, too, instead of taking every class in any subject, might test the teaching by only taking, perhaps, two classes. In order to make every ounce of good and bad work tell, the class-mark system had been adopted, in which the result would be given by the inspector on the work of the whole class. If he found the method of teaching justified it, he would be allowed to slightly increase the mark won on the examination result; while, on the other hand, if the teaching was of a mechanical character he could slightly reduce the mark. He would also see if the teaching force of a school was well distributed, and if the organisation of the school was satisfactory. Only a certain number could be promoted at any time, and the department could only know who should be promoted from the work of the inspectors, and one aim of the examination was to enable them to give an official estimate of the teachers' work; another was to aid the teachers themselves. Although it might be expected that a series of high-class marks and good report would go together, the teachers would clearly understand that the inspector's opinion of the worth of a school to the community would outweigh any examination percentage, and the test was what it was doing in quickening the mental life of the children, and in forming habits likely to result in a worthy character. They knew, as he did, of neighbouring schools where the children of one were alert and interested in their work, and the other dull, stodgy, and untidy. More important than the successful acquisition of information would be an affirmative answer to such questions as—"Are the teachers zealous and faithful in their work, and are the children being trained with honest, earnest endeavour? Are they being trained to think, and to think quickly, and for themselves?" That was the class of children they wanted. Another question would be—"Were they interested in what they were doing?" For the whole of education rested on the foundation of interest, and they should be able to apply their work to outside life. The lecturer referred to the tests to be applied to the different subjects, mentioning among other things that in recitations children would be tested to see if they understood the work, that quick mental arithmetic would loom larger in results in future, that in grammar there would be easier parsing and analysis, and more constructive work bearing on a child's ability to speak and write his own language; that the test of nature study would be its aid in making children use their own powers, and that catch examination questions would be abolished as far as possible. The percentage results of schools would be abolished, and a scheme of marks, showing the value of subjects, would be adopted. A teacher of a junior class might get 20 for reading, 10 for writing, and 22 for arithmetic, but only 6 for brushwork and 5 for nature study, so that there would be no danger of the essential subjects being neglected by a teacher in order that he might take up an elaborate course in work not so important. He would only do so at the cost of his own reputation with the department. The aim of the new system would be to bring inspectors and teachers more closely together, as co-workers, and to give back to the people pound for pound for everything spent in the education system.

In responding to a vote of thanks, Mr. Tate said the new education scheme was not the work of one or of two men, but of careful consideration of the whole department, including the inspectors and many teachers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have to thank you for so promptly publishing my letter in your issue of January 5. With all due deference to you, I fail to see why you should in your footnote to my letter regret the "tone" of my references to the commissioners. I certainly imputed no improper motives to these gentlemen for damning the present system with "bell, book, and candle." I might fairly have pointed out that in the report, p. 68, it is recommended that "the whole administration of the Department of Public Instruction should be placed immediately under a director of education," which title it is stated "expresses the proper function of the permanent head of an Educational Department, on whose personality must depend the whole spirit of the new educational system." (I should say that having regard to the facts the title "lord high executioner" would be more appropriate.) And in page 60, "It is desirable that a chair of paedagogy be established at the University. If the professor of paedagogy were director of the principal training college, so that his personality should affect its development," etc. The director of education is sympathetically described in paragraph 14, p. 52, and every precaution taken for this august personage to have time for "private study and deliberate and mature reflection" par (5), pp. 50 and 51, while the conditions of the appointment of the professor of paedagogy are to involve him only in direction, so "as to leave him absolutely free to undertake the necessary study and research in his subject." (Why, the offices of Archbishop of Canterbury or Chief Justice are nothing to these now proposed offices! And who wouldn't like such positions out of the hurly-burly of this wicked life?) And, having pointed these provisions out, I then might fairly have said, "If the reports of these commissioners are correct and justified, who are so fit as they to be the 'director of education' and the 'professor of paedagogy'?" That is the logical conclusion of the matter, for certainly, on their own showing, no one else in the department is capable of filling these ideal positions as described, and carrying out the commissioners' schemes, always provided, of course, that these respected commissioners would be willing to fill the bill.

And even if I had said that these gentlemen might possibly consider that they should have the carrying out of their reports, I would thereby impute no unworthy motive to them, nor would I go beyond my right of criticism of public men and a most serious public matter; and I want to make it perfectly clear that there is no personal element in my criticisms. If I consider their schemes not only bad, but ridiculous, who is going to stop me from holding them up to any ridicule I fairly can?

But then we come back to the issue—the issue I raised in my letter, and the same issue you raise in your note to it, and which you raised in such note as a different issue to mine—"Are the reports justified?" And again I say "No" as emphatically as possible.

So far the commissioners have sat entrenched behind that huge mass of words and figures (which not many lay members of the public could well venture to read, or understand if they did, and which the members of the Department of Public Instruction could hardly be expected to wrangle over in the public press), and have had the pleasure of seeing themselves hailed as deliverers and men of inspiration by influential makers of public opinion; while the public, who are most vitally interested, could have no say, by reason of the ponderosity and technicalities of the subject. Well, I have had the hardihood to wade through the report again and again, and the more I read it the more I see not only how extravagant and opposed to our public policy it is, but what a mass of long-worded jargon it is. "Words, words, words"—that is to say, when not figures. Theories and principles in teaching, apparently new to Mr. Knibbs (who has not been trained and brought up a teacher) are flung forth as if new to the department, whereas they have been household words and taught in it all along. But, besides recognised and well-worn principles set out at great length, the wildest fads seem to have found Mr. Knibbs' favour, too. Goodness knows what things educational would come to if Mr. Knibbs could have a free hand to "direct" the policy of the department for a few years, having due time for "private study and deliberate and mature reflection," not taking into consideration what the professor of paedagogy might be doing at the same time. No doubt it would be good for certain Yankee phonograph manufacturers, as on page 32 Mr. Knibbs points out "the importance of securing correct methods of pronouncing Latin and Greek and French and German," even by the phonograph! Ye gods! What are we coming to? Our rising generation will be talking the "dead" languages with a Yankee twang! However, this is one indication of the value of Mr. Knibbs' educational theories. Another recommendation, instancing his strong tendency to make a peculiar kind of "show" of our system, is found on page 52, in which he says—"It has to be remembered that the public itself has to be educated to understand the reform, and if inspectors would undertake to give public addresses in country towns on 'Education in Other Countries,' suitably illustrated by lantern views, sufficient interest would soon be created," etc. A hurdy-gurdy and monkey as well would create even more interest, and if the new schemes are adopted I would suggest that, as a start towards the economy we are all crying out for, each inspector be equipped with a concert phonograph, a magic lantern, and those other items I have humbly mentioned.

However, enough of this. If people will only take "heart of grace" to go through this report, and find out the present facts from people who know what our present system really is, they will soon find out the strength of both its present criticisms and the new proposals.

I am rather interested to know how you, as stated in your footnote to my letter, "do not accept every line and section of the report as equally valuable." If the report is not valuable in one part, how can you suppose it is in another? How do you differentiate? Indeed, it seems to me that if even its friends cannot accept the report as it stands, but only some parts of it, we will only get over the difficulty by waiting till those several "younger and better educated men have been sent to Europe to learn the methods of the great paedagogical seminaries of France, Switzerland, and Germany" (not England or the States, by the way)—as proposed in par. 2, page 20—and they have returned fuller up really than Messrs. Knibbs and Turner of the wonders they have seen; when they will be able not only to inform us which are the most useful, and which the most mischievous, parts of the reports, but set things off on new departures themselves, and we will cheerfully "pay the piper." But I don't propose to give any more instances at present from these reports, looking upon such reports, as I do, as a perfect farrago of nonsense.

In conclusion, as you appear to take the reports seriously, and while affirming your belief in economy, say you propose "improvement should be introduced, if possible, from within, and gradually so as not to add to the present heavy cost of education, or to disorganise our system." I wish to point out that this is an utter impossibility on this report. Read it carefully, and if you are going to carry it out, you can do so neither from "within," nor "gradually," nor without "heavy cost," nor without "disorganising our system;" but you must make a clean sweep of it, and then butter up our credit sufficiently in London to enable whatever unfortunate Government is committed to the scheme to get a big enough loan to start things in such a way as will give Messrs. Knibbs and Turner every chance and encouragement to proceed on their vast and humorous projects.

I was sorry that you did not express yourself in your note as to "subsidising" schools, which subject I dealt with in my previous letter.

I am, etc.,

N.S.W.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read the letter signed "N. S. W." in your issue of the 5th instant with pleasure. Like the majority of the residents of this State, I can see there is need for reform in our educational system. Still, as an ex-pupil of one of the leading State schools, it pains me to read articles by our University men condemning our Public schools, and it leads me to believe they have "an axe to grind." Our Public schools have done excellent work, and compare favourably with other schools in this State, even those with a staff consisting of University men alone. The sum voted for education each year in this State is large, and if we intend to increase it, as we must, to carry out these reforms, I am certain the great majority will ask for the extra amount to be devoted to technical education.

I am, etc.,

EX-PUPIL.

NEWCASTLE TRADE STATISTICS

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

The following figures relative to the trade of the port have been supplied by the Custom-house.

Statement of revenue collected at the Custom-house, Newcastle, during the years 1902 and 1903:—

	1902.		1903.
Harbour and light dues	£9,093 10 7	..	£10,176 1 6
Pilotage	10,673 6 2	..	13,052 17 6
Removals	5,830 12 6	..	7,503 0 8
Duty and excise	145,963 15 4	..	158,152 19 11
Miscellaneous	1,025 1 10	..	2,060 2 10
	£172,586 6 5	..	£190,945 2 5

Increase for the year, £18,358 16s.

Return showing the coal exported from Newcastle during the years 1902 and 1903 respectively:—

Country or State.	1902.		1903.
Victoria	762,663	..	807,077
Queensland	54,123	..	39,715
South Australia	417,847	..	390,011
Western Australia	148,289	..	140,094
Tasmania	84,459	..	77,042
New Zealand	244,033	..	206,909
Hongkong	25,432	..	39,380
United States	180,239	..	286,422
Java	95,867	..	53,700
New Caledonia	10,182	..	10,554
India	54,843	..	87,438
Philippine Islands	128,639	..	228,155
Fiji	25,209	..	30,041
Mauritius	8,636	..	9,394
Peru	50,147	..	48,542
Chili	428,299	..	485,123
Straits Settlements	53,152	..	66,408
Sandwich Islands	105,680	..	170,300
Ecuador	3,215	..	10,836
Panama	7,614	..	23,979
Mexico	24,174	..	30,516
Celebes Islands	11,974	..	1,100
Great Britain	2,600	..	1,002
New Guinea	5,100	..	1,800
Cape Colony	6,302	..	16,877
China	3,130	..	—
Natal	23,086	..	4,940
Ceylon	1,100	..	2,150
Canada	4,450	..	2,000
Gilbert Islands	7,585	..	9,564
Nicaragua	1,213	..	—
South Sea Islands	5,847	..	1,950
Ellice Group	475	..	—
Sumatra	—	..	3,041
Caroline Islands	—	..	954
Molucca Islands	—	..	6,008
Alaska	—	..	1,605
Marshall Islands	—	..	605
Egypt	—	..	800
Dutch East Indies	—	..	600
Total	2,966,764	..	3,420,197
Value of coal exported	£1,484,954		£1,566,387

Increase for 1903, 453,433 tons, valued at £81,433.

Return showing the value of imports during the year 1903, as compared with the year 1902:—

Article.	1902.		1903.
	£		£
Apparel, wearing	28,567	..	24,502
Butter	46,265	..	17,324
Drapery	58,000	..	50,093
Dried fruits	4,667	..	7,718
Flour	9,927	..	64,839
Oats	17,223	..	13,217
Wheat	25,561	..	116,119
Hay and Chaff, cwt	56,000	..	12,700
Beer	7,608	..	9,699
Wines and spirits	18,236	..	14,681
Galvanised iron	20,431	..	27,274
Machinery	17,048	..	20,150
Kerosene	18,269	..	8,616
Ores	91,365	..	504,671
Potatoes	27,835	..	29,677
Salt in bags	6,297	..	4,905
Salt rock	2,971	..	2,155
Sugar	23,562	..	12,300
Timber, rough	16,087	..	16,566
Timber, dressed	9,546	..	2,958
Other articles	404,113	..	422,989
Total values	977,537	..	1,428,021

Increase for 1903, £450,484.

GENERAL EXPORTS.

Return showing principal items of export other than coal for the years 1902 and 1903:—

Article.	1902.		1903.
Hay and chaff, cwt	56,000	..	12,700
Flour, centals	1,913	..	10,693
Maize, bushels	4,624	..	—
Wheat, bushels	8,744	..	1,918
Cattle, number	2,022	..	265
Horses, number	673	..	808
Sheep, number	11,748	..	42
Pigs, number	856	..	12
Manures, tons	450	..	27,000
Frozen beef, cwt	—	..	—
Frozen mutton, cwt	26,848	..	—
Meats, preserved lb	56,156	..	117,670
Copper ingot, cwt	9,920	..	9,307
Silver lead, cwt	25,110	..	11,542
Coke, tons	4,384	..	5,123
Gold concentrates, cwt	1,835	..	2,294
Tallow, cwt	3,355	..	—
Timber, rough, superficial feet	441,108	..	3,811,837
Wool, greasy, bales	21,147	..	19,229
Wool, scoured, bales	3,236	..	2,442
Value of general exports	£574,441	..	£505,872

Decrease for 1903, £68,569.

Return showing number and tonnage of vessels exclusive of coasters entered and cleared at Newcastle Custom-house during years 1902 and 1903:—

	Vessels.		Tonnage.
INWARDS.			
1902	1,508	..	2,137,987
1903	1,579	..	2,224,989
OUTWARDS.			
1902	1,476	..	2,090,098
1903	1,602	..	2,349,497

A NEEDED STIMULUS TO PRODUCTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—While the opinion is generally expressed that population and wealth are not growing fast enough here, notwithstanding the large sums of borrowed money laid out professedly for the development of the country's resources, there is need of some radical reform to ease the cost of production and stimulate the use of land. Anyone who travels over the railways must be struck with the long distances in which there is hardly any settlement observable, and where, though there is an abundant rainfall, the soil remains to this day untouched by tillage. The State has spent millions to give cheap access to this land, and any purchaser would require to pay an extra price for the obvious advantage. The evil, however, lies in this. The owner of the idle land did not pay for the construction of the line nor for its maintenance either. The cost came out of loans, but though the railway adds to the value of all land within its influence, the expense of working falls entirely on those who, by production or exchange, furnish fares and freights, and to this has to be added the interest on the borrowed money. What is proposed is that the carriage of goods and passengers be relieved of this burden of interest, which should be made a charge upon all land benefited by the existence of the railways. This change, involving a reduction of some 40 per cent. in fares and freights, would be an enormous benefit to trade, while the owners of land in use, instead of bearing as they do at present the whole of the interest in freights and fares, would pay in tax but a part, the rest being levied on those who have heretofore kept land out of use, or in very partial occupation, to the general detriment. It may seem appalling to add £1,400,000 interest charges to the direct burdens on land, but the railways have presumably given a greater value to the country generally, for which landlords have not been slow to charge the community in rent year by year. As it is only by production that the real value of land is increased, the development of wealth owing to a reduction of at least 40 per cent. in fares and freights, would give a legitimate increment to all property in centres of population, and rectify any temporary hardship owing to the readjustment of fiscal burdens. Of course there are districts which are not yet touched by railways, but in some where land has been raised in value through outlay on dredging, harbours, and other means of access, the interest on the money spent should be levied from owners all round, so that there would no longer be an inducement to keep land out of use.

New South Wales, which at present squares its yearly accounts by including as revenue proceeds of land alienated and taxes on borrowed money, must ere long do something, not only radical, but at the same time equitable, to get a large addition to its legitimate income, and enable it not only to keep its people going without loans from abroad, but also incidentally to create openings for a large inflow of desirable immigrants.

I am, etc.,

J. A. HENDRY.

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TONGA NEWS.

DIPLOMATIC TROUBLES.

NUKUALOFA, Jan. 2.

"Everything comes to the man who waits." Possibly; but the man has sometimes a very long time to wait, and such has been the experience of the foreign residents in Tonga, who, although their petition to the High Commissioner for the redress of certain grievances in connection with the Tongan Government was presented to his Excellency now more than six months since, are still waiting, and apparently are likely to wait longer for an answer. The Tongan Government in the meantime pursues the even tenor of its way, apparently unconscious that there is such a high official as the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and practically oblivious to the fact that Tonga is now a British protectorate. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the common people, following the lead of their superiors, treat the whole affair of the protectorate with incredulity, and that, in their daily intercourse with the Europeans, there is often a more than implied boast that, on the High Commissioner's visit to these islands in May last, his Excellency was openly flouted by the Tongan authorities refusing to grant pratique to H.B.M.S. Pylades, and by the insult offered to H.B.M. Consul on the occasion of his bearing a message from his Excellency the King of Tonga.

LACK OF BRITISH COINS.

The Tongan authorities have had ample time to make certain alterations in the laws and changes in the personnel of the Government, long since asked for and recommended by the British Consul; but for that very reason, probably, that salutary advice has not been followed, although the Parliament was in session last year. There are some matters which—nolens volens—the British Government will very shortly have to give attention to. One of these is the matter of the coinage. In a British protectorate, in which Britain is supposed to have a little influence, it is often difficult to obtain sufficient British coin for the purposes of trade. Of German coin there is an abundance; but when it is desired to exchange it for British, for remittance purposes, a heavy discount is charged. By the last trip of the Manapouri upwards of £8000 in German silver was imported into Samoa. Considering that pure silver is often to be purchased in the open market for less than 2s per ounce, and that some 6s are coined from each troy ounce, the profits accruing from the coinage of silver are worth looking after by the Royal Mint.

Not only is Tonga used for the purpose of a "dumping ground" for silver coin of various descriptions, but undesirable aliens and other objectionable persons are sometimes landed and left stranded in these islands. When the British Consul arrived here years ago, he advised the Tongan Government to pass a law regulating such matters, but no notice has been taken of the advice.

THE NEW TARIFF.

The Tongan Government with its new and increased rates of tariff, has now an increased revenue, and were it to act wisely it would pay off the claims of foreigners—adjudicated upon years since—and thus save itself much trouble in the immediate future.

A FAVOURABLE SEASON.

Christmas and New Year were celebrated quietly. It is true that on December 24 at 1.15 p.m. we had a very severe shock of earthquake. It brought a welcome change in the weather, which for weeks had been hot, sultry, and oppressive; for on the following day we had a smart breeze, and for some days occasional heavy showers. The cocoanut trees are looking splendid, and provided we have no tempest during these three next months, a good crop of copra is assured.

SYDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A meeting of the council of the Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday. There were present Messrs. G. S. Littlejohn (president), Rogers, Gotthelf, Wall, Bligh, Robinson, Reid, Russell French, and Barre Johnston.

The President reported the result of two interviews with the Harbour Trust Commissioners on the subject of the congestion of cargo on the wharfs. It was not considered possible for the Harbour Trust to undertake the work of receiving, assorting, and delivering cargo, as is done by the harbour authorities in Wellington, New Zealand. A suggestion was put forward for mutual consideration that the Commissioners should insist on stevedores sorting all cargoes from vessels discharging at free wharfs. The Commissioners cannot deal in any such way with vessels discharging at leased wharfs. This suggestion was approved by the council.

A letter was received suggesting that the annual cricket match between the Sydney and Newcastle chambers should be played in Newcastle in February. The suggestion was approved, and the matter placed in the hands of Mr. Francis Bligh.

The following telegram of welcome was ordered to be despatched to Lord Northcote's private secretary, to meet him at Fremantle:—"Kindly convey to his Excellency Lord Northcote the hearty welcome of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, representing the mercantile community of New South Wales."

In answer to an inquiry from a business firm in Pretoria, South Africa, as to the New South Wales railway rates, and as to what is considered a fair profit on the working of the lines in the interest of the public, the following particulars received from the Railway Commissioners were directed to be forwarded:—"The Commissioners aim at the rates covering not only the working expenses—which embrace the maintenance of the lines and rolling stock at a high standard—but also the interest due on the amount borrowed for the construction of the lines, which may be estimated at about 3½ per cent. If this return is covered the Commissioners think it a fair profit."

A report from the commercial education sectional committee was received, intimating that the committee had decided that it would be unwise to make shorthand an obligatory subject at succeeding examinations. The report of the examiner was laid on the table, and stated that out of 84 candidates at the last examination, 41 had gained certificates. It was resolved that a synopsis of the examiner's report should be handed to the press on the occasion of the presentation of the certificates, which will be made on Friday, January 29, by the president, in the Royal Exchange.

It was resolved that the next examination should be held about the second week in May.

With regard to the recent lectures on commercial law, under the auspices of the University Extension Board and the Chamber, the report stated there had been 99 entrants, with an average attendance of about 90; that 38 students had presented themselves for examination, of whom 16 had gained pass certificates.

It was resolved that the Chamber, representing the mercantile community, should present a suitable address to Mr. Fosbery, in recognition of his services while holding office as Inspector-General of Police. Arrangements were left in the hands of the honorary officers, Mr. Russell French and Mr. Rogers. It was also resolved that a suitable complimentary letter should be forwarded to Mr. J. Dalgarno, expressing the appreciation of the mercantile community for the invariable courtesy and consideration extended by him to the Chamber of Commerce in connection with matters under his administration of the New South Wales Postal Department.

Customs Administration.—The president reported that he had expressed to Sir W. Lyne the satisfaction of the Chamber at various improvements effected, especially the establishment of the Customs Court, and the investiture of the local collector with fuller powers.

REFUSE ON BALMORAL BEACH.

Under certain weather conditions the beach at Balmoral, Middle Harbour, is strewn with debris, some of which is of an offensive character. The matter being brought under the notice of the local municipal authority, representations were made to the Harbour Trust Commissioners with a view to the abatement of the nuisance. At the last meeting of the council a reply was received from the Trust, stating that the refuse complained of did not come from the punts belonging to the Trust. It was intimated that it might prove to be debris discharged from vessels after clearing the Heads, and as the Commissioners had no jurisdiction beyond the Heads, they suggested that the council should communicate with the Department of Navigation on the subject. That course will be adopted.

THE DENTAL BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Re the amended Dental Bill to come before Parliament next session I, as representative of portion of the profession, object to certain clauses therein. The first is annual registration at nominal fee, and submit the profession were registered at the inception and appointment of nominee board at a fee of from two to five guineas, i.e., for ever, on the same basis as the medical profession. Next, the annual re-examination in theory and practice of the already registered dental profession seems not only ridiculous, but monstrous and unprecedented. Fancy a boy graduating, and after receiving his diploma to be called upon to undergo a fac-simile. How would the medical profession stand under such an amended Act? The whole business is absurd, but will become law unless the profession use their influence and bring the said clauses before the House as unjust, unwarrantable, and not in harmony with the interests of the profession generally. Further, it behoves every registered dentist and workers to use their pen in the direction of fair and legitimate legislation upon this important matter. Trusting other brother dentists and the medical profession will not allow these clauses to pass behind the backs of registered dentists without fair and just consideration,

I am, etc.,

SENTRAL.

Newcastle, Jan. 12.

THE PATENT OFFICE.

DEPUTATION TO SIR WILLIAM LYNE.

At a meeting of the council of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday the president reported that, in company with Mr. Alfred de Lissa and the secretary, he had that morning had an important interview with Sir William Lyne on the question of the establishment of the Patent Office in Sydney. The arguments why the Commonwealth Patent Office should be established in Sydney were placed before the Minister as follows:—

Sydney is the place where the very first patent was issued in Australasia more than half a century ago; in Sydney there are also held the oldest patent records of the Commonwealth. Sydney is the oldest city, and the chief city in population, wealth, and vested interests. The above may be regarded as sentimental arguments. There are in force in Sydney 13,000 patents, and the fact that the search-room at the Patent Office is rarely unoccupied, but on the contrary is usually occupied by several persons searching through these records at one and the same time, is an indication of the immense importance of the office to the public. Of the records in New South Wales, there is only one set in respect of about 7300 patents. It was estimated by Mr. De Lissa, who went into the matter very fully and carefully, that it would cost about £36,000 to make copies of these patents, with their drawings, and would possibly occupy three or four years, as these 7300 patents contain about 200,000 folios of specifications and 25,000 sheets of drawings. Unlike some other Government departments, such as the Custom-house, the Patent Office will not require to be under the close personal supervision of the Minister, owing to the technical and detailed nature of its business. It is therefore not essential that it should be established alongside Parliament. The intervention of the Minister will only be required in cases of trouble, and not in the ordinary administration of the department. The Patent Office should be established on a permanent basis from the start, and in a great centre of population, where the workers of inventive mind and the public generally can have access to the records and to the library, for it was strongly urged that a complete technological library should be established in order that industrial ends might be well served and encouraged.

The attention of the Minister was also directed to the fact that the Government Printing Office is, as a rule, so overburdened with work that there is delay in preparation of the necessary matter, and it might, therefore, be the subject of consideration as to whether the printing and lithographic work of the Patent Office, when established, should not be carried out on the tender and contract system.

In reply to the matter adduced, the Minister stated that personally he would be very pleased to see the location of the Patent Office in Sydney. He endeavoured, when Parliament was not sitting, to be in Sydney as much as possible himself, and to deal with matters of administration from Sydney. He felt, however, that there would be strong objection in the Cabinet to any movement which might be regarded as tending to the decentralisation of control. He admitted that the question of cost of duplicating the 7300 patents was a very serious one, and would require the most careful consideration before a decision on the matter was arrived at. He did not think that the interests of New South Wales were being sacrificed, but prior to the federation he had warned that State of possible danger through Victorian influences.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In the report of the deputational visit from the Chamber of Commerce to Sir William J. Lyne, to urge upon that gentleman the expediency of establishing the Commonwealth Patents headquarters in the mother city of Sydney, you wisely remark, by way of comment, that one view in favour of the request was the fact that if the central administration were to be established in Melbourne there would be here no records of what had been done in the past, and that inventors who were in a large measure residents of this State, would have to go or to send to Melbourne for particulars of patent rights previously granted in Sydney. Of course, as your report insists, the great cost of duplicating the drawings and specifications now filed here—a cost amounting close to £36,000 in money and four or five years in time—must militate against any prospect of the work of duplication being undertaken. And in this connection, it is advisable and advantageous to remember that New South Wales alone, of all the States of the Federal union, labours under the great disability of possessing unduplicated patents documents. You point out, by the way, that as there is to be a branch-office in every Federal State capital, it is thought that it will be hardly likely any State would enter any very strong objection to the desire of the Sydney people being acceded to, especially as the Patents Department is the only one which looks likely to be established in Sydney for some time to come. Now, Sir, I do not think it would very much matter if any State did object. As a matter of fact, the only State likely to do so is Victoria; and its objection could be merely a sentimental one—one, indeed, for centralising all Federal Government offices in Melbourne. If each State capital has its branch office—i.e., existing States patents offices awaiting transformation into Commonwealth branch patents offices—fully furnished with patents documents in duplicate, where would come in the hardship to Melbourne if Sydney were to be officially selected as patents head centre of administration, not merely as a cheap distinction, but as a matter of convenience and economy? Of course, Sir William J. Lyne would not commit himself to a straight-out promise—he never does. But it seems somewhat puerile for a statesman to make so many bones about involving "a departure from the method hitherto pursued in regard to the Federal management;" as if it mattered a rap so long as the "departure from the method hitherto pursued" involved also a great improvement in administration, a large public saving both of time and money, and an incalculable amount of public convenience! The mere fact of previous representation would be a poor thing for Sir William to fight the Hume election with, and would not be regarded by the electors as a potent precedent unless the candidate had somewhat else to back up so specious a plea. The Minister of Customs is the official head of the Patents Department, but such a designation is no distinction. It is merely an official but courteous fiction of red-tape parlance. The department is so highly and exclusively technical that the official headship is nearly as honorary as the Marquis of Donegal's hereditary lord-high-admiralship of Lough Neagh. By the way, touching Sir William Lyne's quaint objection to the retention of the head patents office of the Commonwealth in Sydney as a deviation from red-tape procedure (and inferentially as removing administration from eagle over-seeing optics of a Minister of Customs), it matters not an iota, so far as any branch patents offices throughout Australia may be concerned, provided only that such offices possess patents documents in duplicate whether the Act were to be administered from Farina, in South Australia, or Ringarooma, in Tasmania. Sir William will persist in regarding the Patents Department as a political piece of everyday machinery. This it is not, any more than is the Registrar General's Department, of which no Parliamentary cognisance is taken, save only when a birth-rate commission is frightened into sporadic being by a decreasing population panic. Sir William may rest assured that no strenuous over-lordship on his part will make to boom and bloom and blossom so preeminently a cloistral agglomeration of technicalities as a Patents Department; and its retention by Melbourne can in no wise aid Melbourne beyond the board and lodging expenditure of its officials; while it would cause to Sydney vexation, loss, and inconvenience. For the sake of foregoing for once in the dismal charnel-house a sacrifice to the Moloch of Precedent, Sir William Lyne, as high priest, might graciously spare the victim to gambol on the fattening pastures of the mother State.

I am, etc.,

TERRIGAL HEAD.

AUSTRALASIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS.

HYBRIDISATION OF THE EUCALYPTUS.

Mr. J. H. Maiden, Government Botanist and Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, read a paper on "Hybridisation in the Genus Eucalyptus," or before the Science Congress at Dunedin. He said:—"This was a subject of special importance to the systematist in so protean and extensive a genus, while its interest to the physiologist went without saying. The fact that hybridisation occurred in the genus had been but tardily recognised, and up to recent years allusions to it in literature had been few and superficial. W. Sharp Macleay, the zoologist, in the early part of the last century, appeared to have been the first to suggest that, through parrots pecking off the opercula and the aid of insects, hybridism might ensue. The French botanists, the late M. Naudin and Dr. Trabut, believed in hybridism in the genus as the result of studying eucalyptus plantations in the Mediterranean region, while the latter had definitely described forms which he, with justice, attributed to this cause. Dr. Trabut had not made direct experiments in cross-fertilisation, but the circumstantial evidence he adduced was quite satisfactory, both as regarded resemblance to one or two parents which could be traced in the plantation whence the seed or seedling was obtained. In the spontaneous Australian forms, the evidence of hybridism was less evident, but there was no doubt that it was present, and Mr. Maiden made some suggestions as to species deemed to be affected. He pointed out the far-reaching importance of a realisation of the principle of hybridisation in the genus, the paper being largely of a preliminary character, in which he reviewed the evidence, and drew attention to the work of those who had acted as pioneers. While pointing out that cross-fertilisation after the throwing off of the operculum remained to be proved by direct experiment, the indirect evidence that this may, sometimes, take place was quite satisfactory. Many botanists leaned to the opinion that self-fertilisation at the falling of the operculum was the invariable rule, hence hybridism could not be ascertained by them."

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Marrickville Cottage Hospital accounts, amounting to £105 18s 3d, were passed for payment. The matron's report for the month was:—Admissions, 17; males 9, females 8. Discharges, 13; males 7, females 6. Remaining in the hospital, 10; operations, 11; outpatients treated, 55. The following sub-committees were appointed:—Visiting committee, Mrs. Garde, Mr. Linthorn, Mr. Daley, and Mr. Holland; house committee, Messrs. Barnes and Holland, and Mrs. Garde.

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EVANGELISING THE ISLANDS.

WORK OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

FAREWELL TO FIJIAN TEACHERS.

One of the most encouraging features in connection with the mission work of the Methodist Church in Fiji, and one which is often referred to with pardonable pride by the Missionary Society, is that hundreds of Fijian teachers after having been trained in their native land have rendered splendid service to the Church there, while yet others have volunteered for work as missionaries in other lands, and have laboured with conspicuous success. A meeting to say farewell to a band of 13 of these, eight of whom are males and five females, and who are proceeding to New Britain, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands, was held at the Centenary Hall last night. There was a large attendance, and the meeting proved unique and interesting. The Rev. Dr. Lane (President of the Methodist General Conference) presided. There were also present on the platform the Rev. Dr. Brown (general secretary foreign missions), the Rev. B. Danks (organising secretary), the Rev. H. Fellmann (of New Britain), the Revs. W. G. Taylor, H. B. Foreman, B.A., Dr. Sellors, H. B. George, J. Nolan, and Mrs. Nolan (president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union). The native teachers, who were seated along the front of the dais, the men clad in white suits and the women in blue costumes, rendered several well-known hymns during the evening in their native tongue, which evoked considerable applause.

The Rev. W. G. Taylor opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Rev. Dr. Lane delivered an address. They felt, he said, that the gathering would not only prove interesting, but would be historic. (Hear, hear.) First they wanted to make it a welcome to their dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fellmann, who had just come back from Germany, and who were shortly returning to their work as missionaries in New Britain. Mr. Fellmann had proved himself an able and a faithful missionary, and had aroused much interest in mission work in Germany. (Hear, hear.) Then they had met to say farewell to these native teachers who were members and officers of the Methodist Church, and who were living evidences of the power of the Gospel not only to save, but to develop in men and women of another colour and another race the same love for the souls of the lost and unsaved which they themselves had felt. Dr. Lane then referred at length to the work the Fijians had done in many of the other islands as preachers and teachers. Some of them, he said, slept in these islands to which they had gone, and their sacred dust seemed to have taken a holy possession of those lands in the name of their missionary church and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Applause.) The men and women who were before them were prepared to go forth to do the same work in the name of the Lord. (Applause.)

The Rev. Dr. Brown addressed the native teachers in their own tongue on behalf of the Church, the Missionary Society, and the people present.

Jeroli, Perema, and Joeli, three of the native teachers, then delivered addresses, full of homely and telling illustrations, which were interpreted by the Rev. Dr. Brown, the Rev. B. Danks, and the Rev. H. Fellmann. Each of the natives expressed the joy it gave him to go forth to take the gospel of Christ to the heathen in the islands, in the same way that the missionaries had gone to preach Christ to the Fijians. Joeli, Dr. Lane explained, was a Fijian who had been for some years in New Britain, but who had returned to Fiji to get a wife, and now both were going back to their missionary work. (Loud applause.)

The Rev. H. Fellmann thanked the audience for the hearty welcome given to himself and Mrs. Fellmann on their return from Germany. He had heard much praise given to the Australian Missionary Society for the work they had done in New Britain, a work which could not have been accomplished by any German missionary society. (Applause.)

A collection was taken up during the evening on behalf of foreign missions. The hymn "God be with you till we meet again," was sung, the first two verses being rendered by the natives, and the others by the audience.

THE SUBURBS.

ANNANDALE.

At the last meeting of the Annandale Council, Alderman Coyle moved,—"That the co-operation of the city and suburban municipal councils be invited with a view to securing the licensing of dealers in second-hand goods." He said that recently innumerable instances had occurred where unoccupied houses had been broken into, and the sewerage and gas connections stolen and disposed of as old metal to second-hand shops. If dealers in such articles were licensed the police would be materially assisted in their efforts to trace the thieves. Alderman Cohen, who seconded the motion, said that disease was often spread in the sale of second-hand clothing, and it was advisable that dealers in this class of goods should also be licensed. The motion was adopted, and a committee was formed to draw up a circular letter regarding the matter, which will be forwarded to the different councils with which co-operation is being sought.

CONCORD.

Concord is now entitled to nine aldermen in lieu of six. Two of the old aldermen retire in accordance with the Municipalities Act, and are eligible for re-election. Ratepayers will, therefore, have to vote for five candidates at the ensuing municipal elections. At present it does not appear that a poll will be necessary.

It was recently pointed out that the nomenclature of several streets in the suburb was very confusing. The local council has accordingly renamed a number of streets. The changes announced are as follows:—Bray-street, altered to Hanover-parade, Burwood-road to Frederick-street, Burwood-road to Tennyson-road, old Burwood-road to Gale-street, New Burwood-road to Watkins-street, Bourke-street to Coles-street, Salisbury-road to Manson-street, Victoria-street to Alexandria-street, Walker-street to Cavendish-street, Walker-street to Correy-avenue, Major-road to Bertram-street, and Queen-street to Brunswick-parade.

RANDWICK.

In the statement of receipts and expenditure submitted at the last meeting of the Randwick Council, it was shown that the total rates received to January 11 amounted to £5214 17s 7d, viz.:—West Ward, £1077 12s 4d; Middle Ward, £1519 17s 1d; Coogee Ward, £336 17s 11d; and South Ward, £1222 13s 3d. The expenditure for works to the same date was £2257 7s. The balances for the borough were—General account, credit £12 15s 8d; Main-road, debit £915 3s 6d; Military-road, debit £106 5s 4d; and cemetery account, credit £12 15s 5d.

WAVERLEY.

MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Alderman W. J. Blunt (Mayor) submitted his report at the meeting of the council on Tuesday night. He said that before the municipal year closed he hoped they would have the satisfaction of knowing that nearly all works passed by the council had been completed, whilst others were in course of completion. The average number of men employed in day labour fortnightly throughout the year was 17, the number of feet of kerbing and guttering laid was 2355, and the number of square yards of first quality asphalting was 3115. Towards the end of the year the council was approached by the owners of a block of land known as the Avoca Estate with an offer of assistance, with a view to the council forming and making a portion of the streets in the subdivision, also of drainage. The work was now in progress, and in about five weeks' time would be fully completed. The cost of the work had been fully met out of the contribution and the revenue of the borough without in any way hindering or retarding other necessary works passed by the council. At the commencement of the municipal year the council, in its estimate of receipts and expenditure, estimated to receive from rates, contributions, sanitary fees, Government endowment, etc., the sum of £10,825. For the year up to December 31 the total received was £10,685, notwithstanding the fact that the grant for the maintenance of the public parks and reserves had been withdrawn. The council estimated to spend a sum equal to £10,885; up to December 31 the sum of £9954 had been expended. The expenditure on works had been the largest for many years past. All engagements had been met out of the current year's revenue, and he anticipated being able to leave a substantial bank credit balance at the end of the municipal year. The incoming municipal year should show a good all-round improvement, as a large number of good properties had been erected.

Alderman W. H. Simpson has been appointed returning officer to conduct the forthcoming borough elections.

At the council meeting on Tuesday night, the Mayor stated that, exclusive of money contributed, the council had expended £474 on the Avoca Estate from August 1, 1903, to date. Also, that the rates received from the estate for the same period amounted to £25.

The rates from Bondi Ward received since February 4 last, the Mayor also stated, amounted to £770, and the expenditure to £280.

At the last council meeting a petition was received from residents at Bronte, asking the council to form a path 6ft wide from St. Thomas-street to a spot indicated, near the residence of Mr. John M'Laughlin. The petition was referred to the works committee.

THE LABOUR PARTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of to-day your correspondent, George Pile, seems to think, and would have the public think, that the recent Illawarra election results point out that the workers, who are in a majority in that district, are tired of State socialism and the Labour Party, and of course voted for the other fellow, which means a victory for reform.

Now, Sir, I as an intelligent worker truthfully state that the very reverse is the case. It is retrogression. The workers were divided, and voted on the cursed sectarian ticket just the same as in the Senatorial election of this State, New South Wales, where labour was out of it, but in the other States where there was not this wretched sectarian interference labour was triumphant. Any ordinary being can see this. Mr. George Pile is so totally uneducated as to the facts of socialism as to be beyond all hope of teaching. Lastly, let me inform him that we have not State socialism; it is State capitalism competing with private capitalism. The rest of his letter I, as a worker who does his own thinking, reject in pity, and protest against his misrepresentation of facts.

I am, &c.,

NOT TO BE BLUFFED.

Jan. 12.

In this week's "Mail" will be seen many interesting illustrations incidental of the War Cloud in the East.—Advt.

The "Mail" has two pages of pictures illustrative of the Disaster on H.M.S. Wallaroo.—Advt.

The "Mail" has two full-page life-like photographs of Lord and Lady Northcote.—Advt.

A POLISH CAUSE CELEBRE.

THE KWILECKI INHERITANCE.

A SENSATIONAL TRIAL.

The most sensational trial which has occupied a Berlin Court for many years was concluded this evening after having lasted 21 days (wrote the Berlin correspondent of the "Times" on November 25). Countess Vesierski Kwilecki was charged before a jury with having falsely represented that she had given birth to a male child in Berlin on January 27, 1897. Her husband, Count Vesierski Kwilecki, was accused of having conspired with her to represent a supposititious child purchased from a poor woman in Cracow as their son and heir with a view to preventing their entailed estate of Vroblevo from passing out of their branch of the family to another line of Kwilecki. In the dock with the Count and Countess were the midwife, Katharina Ososka, Josepha Knoska, an aged female servant, and her daughter, also a servant of the Countess. These three women were charged with being accessories to the crime. The count and countess and the two female servants pleaded not guilty, the midwife Ososka pleaded guilty. Ososka was not employed at the alleged accouchement, but testified at a preliminary examination that having massaged the countess some months before the date of the supposed birth she had observed all the signs of pregnancy. The case has attracted an extraordinary amount of attention in Berlin, and indeed throughout Germany. The accused count and countess and the kindred family of the Kwilecki, on whose initiative the Public Prosecutor took action, occupy a high position among the Polish nobility, and the estate of Vroblevo, the succession to which was in question, has a rent-roll of 70,000 marks.

In the year 1896 Countess Vesierski Kwilecki was 50 years of age. She had three daughters, the youngest of whom was born in 1879, and no son. The absence of a direct male heir had involved the count and countess in some serious inconveniences at Vroblevo. They had been living extravagantly, and their credit was exhausted. The estate was already heavily mortgaged, and it was difficult to obtain further personal loans, seeing that in all human probability the estate would pass on the count's death to the other line of Kwilecki, while the countess and her daughters would then only enjoy very small jointures. The financial position of the count and countess was well known to their neighbours in the province of Posen. When, therefore, in May, 1896, it was rumoured in the district that the countess was enciente, there was a great deal of scepticism. The case was complicated by the fact that the countess had all her life manifested the strongest aversion to a medical examination; yet the family physician, Dr. Rosinski, could testify on this occasion, like many other witnesses, to all the outward symptoms of pregnancy. The representatives of the rival line of Kwilecki were not so easily satisfied. They were naturally alarmed by a report that the eccentric countess had declared her intention of going to Italy for her accouchement, and the head of their line wrote to the count insisting that the expected event should take place within the German Empire. The countess determined to accede to this request, and in due course she one day informed her local physician, Dr. Rosinski, that she was going to Berlin for her accouchement, and that she counted upon him to come when she should send for him.

The scene is now transferred to Kaiserin Augusta Strasse, in the west end of Berlin. On January 27, 1897, the intimation is duly handed in at the Berlin district registry that the Countess Vesierski Kwilecki has given birth to a son at 5 a.m. The Countess had secured the services of a somewhat aged midwife named Ovell, who had been brought from Warsaw. Shortly before the alleged birth the Countess had telegraphed to her family doctor at home, but the telegram must have remained at the local telegraph office overnight, for Dr. Rosinski only received it next morning, together with another despatch, stating that the Countess had given birth to a son. Dr. Rosinski took the first train to Berlin, and arrived at the lodgings in the Kaiserin Augusta Strasse shortly after midnight—that is to say, 17 or 18 hours after the alleged birth of the child. According to the evidence which he gave in court, the Countess presented every appearance of having been lately delivered, but, as usual, she objected to an actual medical examination. Everything had apparently gone well, and there was every prospect of a speedy recovery. A friend of the Countess, Mme. de Monaczevska, a lady of position, told the doctor that she had been present at the accouchement. Dr. Rosinski saw the child, but it was not undressed in his presence. He does not appear to have expressed at the time any doubts regarding the authenticity of the birth, and only declared that the child was a strong and remarkably fine one. Another witness of high character and position, Dr. von Jazdzevski, a Roman Catholic priest, and a member of the Reichstag, had visited the Countess both before and after her accouchement, and had not the slightest doubt as to the genuineness of the child.

The child grew and prospered, and its likeness to the Countess became every day more apparent. The representatives of the rival line, nevertheless, continued to cherish their suspicions. Count Miecislav Kwilecki went so far as to propose to Count Vesierski Kwilecki that if the latter would privately own to him that the child was supposititious, he would keep the secret until impunity for the crime had been secured by lapse of time. This extraordinary proposal, which, if accepted, would have secured the succession to the rival line, was rejected, and the Vesierski Kwileckis now proceeded to raise a civil action against Count Miecislav demanding the public recognition of the legitimacy of their son. This action was tried at Posen in 1899; the Countess and her boy were present in court, and the resemblance between them was recognised. After the trial had been adjourned the defendants failed to put in an appearance, and the case was decided against them by default.

The rival branch did not conform to the judgment of the Court, but continued to disseminate the assertion that the child was supposititious. An amateur detective named Hechelski was employed, whose methods were far from unexceptionable. His great witness was a girl named Jadviga Andruszevska, formerly a maid of the Countess's. She had been harshly treated and ultimately dismissed. Her evidence was to the effect that her mother, who had meantime died, had in January, 1897, gone to Cracow and had obtained by purchase an infant, then over a month old, which she had brought to Berlin and delivered to the Countess Kwilecki at her lodgings on January 27. The child had been bought near Cracow from a poor girl who had given birth to it on December 22, 1896. This woman appeared in court and gave her evidence to the effect that two ladies, apparently of rank, had visited her in January, 1897, and had taken away her boy in exchange for 100 gulden. She had subsequently repented, and had tried to find the ladies at an hotel in Cracow, but they were gone. She had another child, who was brought into court dressed in a suit exactly like that of the young Count and heir of the Kwileckis, but it was difficult for the public at least to trace any resemblance between them. The woman made every demonstration of distress over the loss of her alleged younger boy, but it was too much for the jury to believe that she had first recognised her long-lost child from a photograph, seeing that her story was that she had parted with him when he was only a month old. The resemblance of the younger child to the Countess was again generally recognised.

There was a vast amount of other evidence, largely collected by Hechelski. The son of the midwife Ovell gave damaging evidence against Hechelski, who, it appeared, had spoken to him of a considerable sum of money in another connection when he visited him at Warsaw. There was a detective from Paris, who had made elaborate inquiries, and had received information from a large number of sages femmes. There was a Paris telegram which bore a suspicious aspect. It ran:—"Femme trouvee, mais demande trop cher," and it had been delivered at the wrong address in Posen, and had fallen into the hands of the enemy, Count Miecislav Kwilecki. But it was explained by the defence as referring to a French sage femme whose services had been originally sought.

The newspapers, which freely commented on the proceedings during the trial, strongly condemned the conduct of the Public Prosecutor and of his juniors, who threatened the jury that if they returned a verdict in favour of the Countess there was every likelihood that the system of trial by jury would be abolished. The counsel for the defence, on the other hand, indulged in a great deal of old-fashioned rhetoric; they made sentimental appeals to the jury, and actually referred to the side taken by public feeling, and particularly by the majority of the female public in Berlin. The presiding Judge, Landgerichtsrath Leuschner, who had strongly taken the side of the prosecution throughout the trial, charged the jury to-day by calling their attention to the points on which they had to give their verdict, and expounding the law applicable to the case. At 3.30 the jury retired, and at 6 p.m. they gave their verdict, which was "Not guilty" in the case of all the five prisoners, who were at once liberated. The announcement was received with a tremendous demonstration by the public in court, while outside the cheering was taken up by many thousands of people who thronged the streets.

AMERICANS HELP SPAIN.

America, having beaten Spain, is now proceeding to "develop" her. We learn from the "Times" that there has just been formed at New York, with a capital of 5,000,000dol., a "Spanish-American Agricultural Machinery and Irrigation Company," in which a number of the principal capitalists in the United States are interested. Not only have the Spanish Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture lent their influence to further the business of this company, but the Vice-Consul of the United States in Madrid, Mr. Adolphe Danziger, has been the authorised go-between. If this project succeeds, the result will be that American capital will have been authorised to open up the barren tracts which make Spain to-day one of the poorest agricultural countries on the globe.

A RUINED FISHERY.

NARRABEEN LAKE.

It is always a sad thing to have to chronicle the exhaustion of nature, particularly when that exhaustion has been the result of man's efforts, carried on without regard to the future. Such, however, must be done in regard to the fishing at Narrabeen Lake. This one time popular netting area and sporting resort is now in a parlous condition. It is less than a hundred yards distant from the sea at one end, and occasionally is connected with the ocean when the waves break through the sand bar at its mouth. At present the lake is very shallow, and sand banks appear in it in several places. The bar at the mouth is very flat, and occasionally a heavy wave breaks near it and sends a frothy ripple into the lake. The sea, however, does not get a chance to replenish the lake with fish. Indeed it is possible that the instinct of the fishes has warned them that the lake is no longer a quiet nursery, and they pass on for more peaceful quarters. The lake has been declared closed to netting for a considerable time, and the closure has a long time to run yet.

Notwithstanding the closure, however, the lake is constantly netted. It is common talk at Narrabeen, Rock Lily, and in Manly that poachers carry on operations with nets in the lake frequently, timing their work so as to avoid interference or capture by the inspectors of the Fisheries Department. In conversation local residents, including members of the Narrabeen Progress Association, confess that poaching goes on.

It appeared from further inquiries that generally when the inspector made his appearance at Manly the news was promptly telephoned to Narrabeen, and everybody who possessed a net took good care that he did not use it while there was a possibility of capture. The lake, although very shallow, contains moderate quantities of mullet, flathead, whiting, tailer, flounder, tarwhine, black bream, crabs, and a few other varieties, but nearly all are small, and the quantity, which under a perfect closure, would have greatly increased during the last year, is considerably less than ever it was before.

The matter is of importance to a growing district. The place should be a much more popular resort than it is. If the tram from Manly, which at present stops near the Manly Lagoon Bridge, were extended to Narrabeen the principal attraction for holiday and week-end visitors would be the facilities for fishing in the lake. The Railway Commissioners would certainly not be justified in pushing on with the tram unless the fishing were greatly improved. Near the mouth just now there is only about 3ft of water in the deepest places where once the depth was about 6 or 8 feet. The depth could of course be increased by the raising of the sand bar and a considerable fall of rain. This would increase the area of the lake and give the fish a better chance. But what would be needed first would be the restocking of the lake from other places. In view of the fact, however, that the State does not possess a hatchery in working order, it appears that the lake will have to recuperate itself with any assistance Neptune may be disposed to give it. The sea can do it all, including the erection of the sand bar at the mouth, as it does at the Illawarra Lake occasionally, but obviously Nature would have to be aided by an effectual and not a merely nominal closure to the wholesale methods of capturing the fish as carried out now.

THE RADIUM WONDER.

Austria has created a corner in radium (says the "Mirror")—that mysterious and astonishing element of which so much has been heard lately. Sir William Ramsay divulged this interesting fact in a lecture delivered last month at the London institution. He said its price has gone up tenfold within the last six months, until now it is estimated that a cheque for £50,000 might suffice to buy one-fifteenth of a grain. This rise is simply due to the action of the Austrian Government, which has refused to allow further exports of the refuse of the uranium-oxide works at Joachimthal, whence nearly all the previous supply has come. Dealing with the scientific part of the subject, Sir William showed how success has quite recently rewarded the long search into the problem of what becomes of the minute particles with which radium is always parting. The substance constantly gives off an emanation which seems to behave in all respects like a heavy gas. It can be collected in tiny flasks, measured and weighed, and used to display the characteristic properties of radium. But it is not permanent—in about a month it entirely disappears. What becomes of it is a puzzle. Now Sir William Ramsay has caught this emanation in the act of vanishing. He found that, after it had been collected for a couple of days, its spectrum—which previously was entirely unlike any yet studied—began to display the typical yellow line of helium, the gas first known and christened by its cons and presence in the sun. In four or five days the helium lines grew brighter, and in another week the spectrum of helium was positively blazing in the hermetically sealed tubes that had been filled with the emanations, or gaseous output, of radium. In other words, the element had been literally seen to change into another of quite different nature under the eyes of the experimenters. What is this, asked Sir William Ramsay, but an actual case of that transmutation of one element into another in which the ancient alchemists believed, when they painfully sought to change lead into gold—and incidentally founded our modern science of chemistry?

BRITISH AND COLONIAL WORKMEN.

MR. JOHN BURNS' CRITICISM.

Mr. John Burns gives his opinions on some questions of the day in the December "World's Work." Mr. Burns is certainly no pessimist as regards the British workman. When it was suggested that the workman was going down the hill he exclaimed: "Rubbish. The British workman is still the best producing animal in the world—instinctively, traditionally, and through generations of experience and hereditary transmission. What was said of the soldier in the late war—'the men are splendid'—can be said of the sober, industrious British workman. The talk of decadence of England has been grossly overdone. I do not believe in the deterioration of this country. On the contrary, of all countries in the world few, if any, have their face toward the light more than Great Britain." What is wanted, in Mr. Burns' opinion, is not so much technical schools for workmen—as, after all, a workshop is the best school of apprenticeship—as polytechnics for employers, foremen, managers, and superintendents. "They too often cling to old methods, and are not so assimilative and adaptable as they ought to be." One grave defect in English trade, however, has been "the tremendous growth of snobbery among the sons of men who were proud to be the makers of something, however humble that something was." But Mr. Burns sees a reaction against this. The speculator, the financier, the huckster, the middleman, "the ornamental parasites that too often influence the world's affairs, have outlived their nursing day," and the feeling is growing up that a direct producer is after all indispensable to our industrial greatness. "A nation that spends £180,000,000 a year on drink," he says, "£50,000,000 on betting and gambling, and £50,000,000 on preparation for war, ought not to disarrange a delicate fiscal system because it wants to help colonies whose need for help is due to the fact that they are not as well off as they might have been had they adopted freetrade, and that they have suffered from a lick of the dog that has been biting the old country too long—intemperance, sport, and extravagance."

MEAT AND APPENDICITIS.

The "Lancet" reports a discussion of the Academy of Medicine, Paris, in which M. Lucas Championniere said that every day more confirmation was forthcoming of the idea that it was the abuse of a meat diet which was the principal cause of appendicitis. In those countries where the natives eat very little meat, as in Brittany, appendicitis is very rare. In England and the United States, where a great deal of meat is eaten, appendicitis is four times more common than in Paris.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISEASES.

In an interesting paper read to the British Medical Association, Dr. R. J. M. Buchanan pointed out the varying susceptibility of various races to diseases. To tuberculosis the Gaelic and Cymric races are considered more susceptible than the Saxon and Scandinavian; negroes are very susceptible to tuberculosis, especially in countries not native to them. Cancer is said to be rife in China, rare in Egypt, uncommon among negroes, but prevalent among the blonde inhabitants of Norway. Smallpox is excessively fatal to people among whom it is introduced for the first time, as shown among the North American Indians, where the Mandan nation was entirely destroyed by it; and in Iceland, where in the earliest epidemic 18,000 out of 52,000 perished. Negroes are very susceptible to sleeping sickness; other races are not so. Jews are believed to be prone to diabetes and nervous diseases; Chinese are exempt from chorea, and the negro is almost exempt from yellow fever.

ARE WOMEN GROWING WISER?

To the Editor,—

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, "Amelia," flies too high altogether in her estimate of women's wisdom. In my estimation a woman's home, her husband, and her children should be her pride and care. The comfort of the home and the wants of the little ones should be her study. Not only should she meet their requirements when in health, but also when "out of sorts." To do this successfully requires some knowledge of homely and effective medicines. Yet how little real knowledge many women possess on such subjects may be gauged by the amount of money spent on worthless and expensive medicines. Fortunately one is glad to note the rapidly-increasing use of a remedy like Bile Beans for Biliousness in this connection. The wisdom of housewives who always keep a box of this wonderful vegetable preparation on their shelves is to be commended. Attacks of "the blues," brought on by indigestion, headache, sleeplessness, or some other "little" ailment, are fruitful sources of family unhappiness, and the woman who by judicious use of this natural vegetable remedy brings an end to these ailments, occurring either in herself, husband, or children, to my mind shows much wisdom. "Amelia" may talk about the "bad temper and moroseness of modern men" as she chooses, but she should not forget that health often governs temper. A little money spent on Bile Beans as a preventative of, or cure for, indigestion—and, incidentally, bad temper—would show more practical wisdom and much philosophising.—Constant Reader.—Advt.

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ALBERT BORCHARD, F.S.I.A., Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-buildings, George-street.

Sydney, 13th January, 1904.

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NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD, NEW ZEALAND.

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W. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

Tarella-chambers, 109 Pitt-street, Sydney, 13th January, 1904.

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MEETINGS.

THE COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, will be held at the Head Banking House of the Company, in George-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the nineteenth day of January, at noon precisely, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the half year ending 31st December, and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the requirements of the Articles of Association.

By order of the Board.

T. A. DIBBS, General Manager.

Sydney, 31st December, 1903.

THE SYDNEY CYCLORAMA COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Sixteenth Annual General MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held on FRIDAY, January 29th, 1904, at 2.45 p.m., at the Company's Office, Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, Sydney.

BUSINESS.

1. To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the year ended December 31st, 1903.
2. To elect one Director in lieu of Mr. John Upward, and an Auditor in lieu of Mr. William Rigg, who retire, are eligible for re-election, and have given the requisite notice.
3. To transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.

By order of the Board,

G. S. BUZACOTT, Secretary.

Candidates for the office of Director must give not less than seven days' notice in writing of their intended candidature.

Sydney, 8th January, 1904.

THE PORT JACKSON CO-OPERATIVE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Limited.

Circular Quay, Sydney, 14th January, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS and DEBENTURE HOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Royal Exchange, Bridge-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, the 29th JANUARY, 1904, at 12 noon.

BUSINESS:

To receive the Report of the Directors for the half-year ended 31st December last.

To transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.

The Registers of Shareholders and Debenture-holders will be closed from 16th to 29th January, inclusive.

By order of the Board,

DUNCAN DOWNIE, Manager and Secretary.

Powers of Attorney must be produced at the Company's Office 48 hours, and Proxies 24 hours, previous to the meeting at which it is intended to vote—vide Clause 67, Articles of Association.

THE MANLY GASLIGHT AND COKE COY., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held on TUESDAY, the 2nd FEBRUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Company's Office, Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, Sydney, to receive the Directors' Report for the past year, to Elect a Director in the place of Henry Hudson, who retires, but is eligible for re-election; also, two Auditors, in the place of Julius Caro and J. T. B. Wedderburn, and to transact such other Business as may be brought forward, in conformity with the Articles of Association. The above-named retiring Director and Auditors have given the necessary notice that they are candidates for re-election. By order,

FRANCIS HUNT, Secretary and Manager.

Manly, January 13th, 1904.

GENERAL Gordon L.O.L., 204, MEETS TO-NIGHT, Prot. Hall, at 8. Balance-sheet. Visitors invited.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF WAVERLEY.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER.

NOTICE is hereby given that Alderman WILLIAM HENRY SIMPSON, J.P., has been duly appointed RETURNING OFFICER for the Borough of Waverley, to conduct the Annual Municipal Elections in the Borough for the Municipal year 1904-5.

W. J. BLUNT, J.P., Mayor.

Council-chambers, Waverley, January 13th, 1904.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.

Notice is hereby given that Alderman G. NORTON RUSSELL, J.P., has been appointed RETURNING OFFICER for the ensuing Elections.

CHAS. A. VIVIAN, Council Clerk.

Council Chambers, Woollahra, 11th January, 1904.

NAVAL AND MILITARY NOTICES.

CORPS of Engineers.—Recruits wanted, height 5ft 6in, chest 34in, age 20 to 35. Carpenters, Fitters, Engineers, Electricians, Blacksmiths, Seamen, etc. Apply Dawes' Battery, 7 p.m. January 20.

I. H. A. LEE, Lieut.-Col., O. C. Engineers.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

WESTERN DIVISION RENTALS.

The knottiest question which the Western Land Commissioners have to decide relates to the improvement in large areas of the Western territory brought about by the break-up of the drought. Prior to the rains it was freely asserted by practical men that the West could not possibly recover. The face of the country was apparently swept away, the grasses, herbage, and edible shrubs were extinct. Suggestions that the State should hand over the pastoral holdings to the men who had battled with the drought on long leases at a peppercorn rental were seriously entertained. Since the rains, however, grasses and herbage have sprung from the earth in a miraculous way, and even the saltbush, which was utterly despaired of, has begun to put on leaves. The difficulty of the commissioners, doubtless, lies in deciding the extent to which the vast area has recovered its stock-carrying capacity, because that and the possibilities of the future must have a very large influence on the rents to be fixed for the holdings. In this connection the propositions of "Testis," a correspondent, whose letter appeared in the "Herald" this week, are highly interesting. "Testis," accepting the view that the denudation of the West was mainly due to overstocking, holds that the board should be empowered to prevent a recurrence of the practice. Our correspondent argues that unless rents are very light holders will be practically compelled to overstock as soon as the country begins to recover itself. The result, he holds, would be the complete eating out of the pastures, and the loss to the State of the whole territory as a revenue-producing asset. To prevent this, light rents should be fixed, and so that the intention of the State should not be defeated, the board should be given power to regulate the number of stock carried. Possibly, if the conclusions of "Testis" were all sound, his plan would represent a simple way out for the commissioners. Unluckily for the commissioners, several points which crop up rob the interesting scheme of its apparent simplicity. Chief among these is the certainty that the condition of the country prior to the break of the drought was not entirely due to overstocking. It is, indeed, highly probable that, save in respect to the complete loss of edible shrubs and trees, the West would have been in very much the same condition had it carried no stock at all for 20 years prior to and during the bad seasons. The fact that the occupier loses almost all his feed in a bad drought, whether he stocks heavily or lightly in good years, must be considered. It is safe to assume that no other country could be less safely worked on the rule of thumb system than the West. Supposing that the board fixed the proportion of stock to be carried, it would be surely necessary to increase and reduce the maximum with the varying character of the seasons. Say that a holder were allowed to carry a sheep to 20 acres on the condition of the country in a certain period. So quickly does the grass come after rain that a month later the leasehold might be capable of fattening a sheep to five acres, or to even less. Should the season prove good all through a sheep to 20 acres would have no effect on the feed, and in the event of a couple of dry seasons succeeding a great mass of grass and herbage would be wasted. The drought would again convert the surface into a dust heap, and the holder would have no more feed for his stock than he would have held had he been allowed to seize the opportunity to make something while there was grass on the country. Obviously it would be necessary to allow the pastoralists to apply for permission to carry more stock at certain times, and such a scheme would prove unworkable. Overstocking is undesirable at all times, but it must be remembered that in a country subject to the vicissitudes which afflict the West, what would be serious overstocking in one season would hardly keep the grass in check during the next. The point made by our correspondent to the effect that very light rentals would place the pastoralist in a position to refrain from overstocking is good, but the actual working of the property must necessarily be left to the good sense of the man whose fortunes are involved. The law cannot exercise more control over the seasons than the man who holds the country, while the man unfettered would have the advantage of being able to meet the changes to the best of his ability, power which is essential to the working of land in the most equable climate. The task of the Commissioners is a very serious one, but they cannot escape the inevitable conclusion that on their judgment and consideration largely depends the question whether the West shall be profitably occupied in the future. "Testis" suggests that the necessity for keeping the State pot boiling will have an influence on the decisions as to rents. It would, however, be impossible for the Commissioners to do their duty were such a consideration allowed to enter into the matter. The permanent occupation of the country is the principal object, and were the rents fixed merely with the view of gaining as much revenue as could be squeezed out of the decision injustice would be done to both the State and the landholders. The holders would be unable to keep the land in productive occupation, and the State would lose temporarily at least, a valuable asset.

DROUGHT-RESISTING FODDER TREES.

PROPOSED CULTIVATION.

One of the most striking features of the recent drought was the remarkable extent to which pastoralists and others relied upon edible trees to keep their stock alive, when not a vestige of grass could be seen. As a matter of fact the use of such trees as fodder did an immense amount of good in preserving the lives of stock.

Owing to this circumstance the Department of Forestry recently brought under the notice of the Minister for Lands the desirability of fostering and encouraging the growth of fodder trees by pastoralists and settlers. In view of the probability of a succession of favourable seasons, the Minister has approved of that department propagating a large number of Carob or Algaroba Bean and Kurrajong trees for distribution to pastoralists and settlers, on the following terms, namely:—

1. In sufficient numbers to plant from 1 to 5 acres (about 50 plants to the acre), to be planted in lines or clumps as the recipient may elect.
2. The site for planting to be ploughed and subsoiled to a depth of 18 inches, and to be securely enclosed with a stock and vermin proof fence.
3. The department to supply the trees, and the recipient to pay freight and cost of delivery of same.
4. Should it be desired the department will undertake the planting of trees, if a guarantee for payment of rail or coach fares of two nurserymen and their wages at 10s per diem be given.
5. Three months' notice prior to June 1 in each year to be given of intention to take advantage of the department's offer, and the site for planting to be in every case prepared and ready for planting not later than May 1 in each year.

The following description of the fodder trees referred to is furnished for the information of intending applicants:—

From Maiden's "Useful Native Plants of Australia":—The Kurrajong, Sterculia diversifolia.—"Cattle and sheep are fond of the leaves and branches, and in some dry seasons have existed for long periods on scarcely anything else."

From Mueller's "Select Extra Tropical Plants":—The Carob Tree, Ceratonia Siliqua.—"Indigenous to the Eastern Mediterranean regions, it attains a height of 50ft, and resists drought well. Succeeds best in a calcareous subsoil. The saccharine pods, Algaroba or St. John's bread, of value for domestic animals. In some of the Mediterranean countries horses and cattle are almost exclusively fed upon the pods. The meat of sheep and pigs is greatly improved in flavour by this food, while its fattening properties are twice those of oil cake. Instances are on record of a tree having yielded nearly half a ton of pods in a season."

AMALGAMATION OF LAND DISTRICTS.

The Acting Under-Secretary for Lands (Mr. E. MacFarlane), in the course of an interview which a "Herald" representative had with that officer yesterday, said he noticed that the residents of Armidale had stated that a proposal had been made to amalgamate the Moree and Tamworth land districts, and that it was intended to locate the head office at the latter place. Mr. MacFarlane stated that no such proposal had ever been made by the Lands Department.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

Arrangements have been made by which Mr. W. H. O'Malley Wood, chairman of the Advances to Settlers Board, will leave for Inverell on Sunday evening for the purpose of inspecting the Myall Creek pastoral holding, which has been offered to the Government on certain terms for closer settlement purposes. Mr. Wood has been instructed to represent the Minister for Lands at the inquiry which is to be held by the local land board, with a view of reporting to the Minister on the suitability or otherwise of the offer.

Originally it was the intention of the Minister for Lands, in company with the Acting Under-Secretary for Lands (Mr. E. MacFarlane), to visit Inverell, and to inspect the pastoral holding before the inquiry; but on further consideration Mr. Crick has come to the conclusion that it would be better if he postponed his visit until after he has received the report of the local land board. He has, therefore, decided to follow that course.

CANNED MEAT FOR JAPAN.

The Minister for Mines and Agriculture recently received an inquiry for 500 tons beef, corned and roasted, in 1, 2, and 6 lb tins. Mr. Suttor, the Eastern Commercial Agent, was cabled to as follows:—"Tin meat; who inquiring; state relative proportions, different weights, when to be shipped; will pay be made against documents here, or on approved London firm."

The following reply has been received:—"Beef.—Your telegram to hand. Japanese Army, to be divided into equal proportions. February-March shipments, payments approved London firm, or documents Sydney. Telegraph quickly, as others are treating for the business, and we may lose it."

PRICKLY PEAR PEST.

"APPALLING INDIFFERENCE" OF LANDHOLDERS.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Mr. Denham, Minister of Agriculture, returned to Brisbane yesterday from a visit to Chinchilla and the surrounding district for the purpose of inquiring into the prickly pear pest, with which the district is infested. In the course of an interview Mr. Denham said that a big factor in dealing with the pest was the excessive number of reserves in the settled districts, which should be promptly dealt with. They should be sold to people who would keep them clean and make them productive. He stated that the indifference of freeholders and leaseholders was appalling. Strong, intelligent action was necessary, and possibly fresh legislation. Preventive measures must be adopted for indifferent or lazy people. All land should be classified, and owners unflinchingly dealt with according to the classification of their land. It seemed to him that the land was largely occupied by a species of land speculators, rather than by the genuine cultivator.

SUCCESSFUL ARTESIAN BORE.

WALGETT, Wednesday.

The contractor, Mr. G. H. Hodgson, reports the first flow of 500,000 gallons a day of good water obtained on Mr. E. Bishop's land at Martindale at a depth of 1884ft. Boring is proceeding, and a further flow is expected at an early date.

BUSH FIRES.

GUNDAGAI, Wednesday.

A big bush fire started yesterday afternoon at Bark Hut, a few miles from Gundagai, and burnt all through the night. It is now travelling in the direction of Tumut. 100 acres of grass and numerous fences have been destroyed. Bengarralong station lost a lot of grass. Several settlers' homes narrowly escaped destruction. 200 men are employed fighting the fire.

THE CROPS.

MOSS VALE.—Harvesting operations are greatly retarded through the unsettled state of the weather.

TEMORA.—This season over 50,000 bags of wheat have been unloaded at the Temora railway station, but this quantity does not represent more than a quarter of the yield. So soon as stripping shall have been completed it is anticipated that there will be a big rush of wheat, as, owing to the scarcity of teams, farmers will be compelled to draw their own wheat, and this cannot be done until stripping is over.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

ALBURY.—The Pastures Protection Board has issued a notice warning all landholders to commence the continuous and systematic destruction of rabbits on February 8. The means of destruction to be adopted include poisoning, trapping, fumigation, hunting, and destruction of harbours.

BYRON BAY.—The North Coast Co-operative Company during December paid suppliers 7½d and 6½d for second-class. Bacon was paid for the same month at the rate of 5½d per lb. The payment for the month was the highest yet made by this company.

TAREE.—The Manning River Agricultural and Horticultural Association's annual meeting was held yesterday; Mr. W. Allan, vice-president, in the chair. The statement of account, after payment of £300 for a new showground, gave a debit balance of £153. Mr. James Levick was elected president, Messrs. W. Allan and Captain Gollan vice-presidents, Mr. A. E. Smith treasurer, and Mr. S. Whitbread secretary. The retiring committeemen were re-elected. There are splendid prospects for the coming show next month.

WAGGA.—Up to yesterday afternoon 307 applications were lodged for 13 homestead selection blocks on the Berry Jerry and Arajoel Crown lands recently thrown open for selection. £4000 was received as deposits and survey fees.

WINDSOR.—At the last ordinary meeting of the Hawkesbury Progress Association (Windsor centre) it was decided to fall in with the Kurrajong Progress Association by writing to the Minister with a view of having the headquarters of the Windsor Stock Board removed from Penrith, and for the convenience of the large majority of stockowners within the boundaries of the stock district have them re-established in the Hawkesbury district. Many stockowners in this district are put to unnecessary expense and loss of time under existing conditions, having to travel, in many instances, a score of miles to meet the requirements of the board.

DAPTO A. AND H. SOCIETY'S SHOW.

DAPTO, Wednesday.

The Dapto A. and H. Society's forty-seventh exhibition was opened to-day by Mr. G. W. Fuller, M.P. The show of stock, agricultural and dairy produce, etc., was better than anything of the kind seen on the South Coast for many years, and the attendance of the public exceeded that of previous years.

The principal awards were as follows:—

Blood Horses.—Stallion, 3 yrs and over: R. Allen's Cravat, 1; T. Beigley's British King, 2. Stallion, 2 yrs and under: L. Carr's stallion. One year and under 2: C. M'Glinchey, 1; H. G. Fraser, 2. Mare, 3 yrs and over, without foal: M'Glinchey, 1; J. W. Clarke, 2; W. Cochrane, b.c. Mare, 3 yrs and over, with foal: G. Waples, 1. Filly, 2 yrs and under 3: J. W. Clarke, 1; E. T. Evans, 2. Filly, 1 yr and under 2: H. Harnan. Draught Horses.—Stallion, 3 yrs and over: D. Manson, 1; W. Bennett, 2. Stallion, 2 yrs and under 3: W. Prior. Stallion, 1 yr and under 2: H. Walker, 1; R. L. Ashton, 2. Mare, 2 yrs and over: W. Manson, 1 and 2. Filly, 2 yrs and under 3: H. G. Fraser, 1; S. Downes, 2. Filly, 1 yr and under 2: T. Condon, 1; H. O. Fraser, 2. Roadsters: Stallion, any age: L. Carr's De Wet. Trotting stallion, any age: E. Cole, 1; W. J. O'Brien, 2. Foal by De Wet: J. Clifford. Pair farm horses: J. W. Spinks, 1; H. Walker, 2. Pony stallion, 13.2: J. M'Farlane.

Miscellaneous.—Active farm horse: F. W. Spinks, 1; H. Walker, 2. All-round horse: J. Barett, 1; R. P. Clout, 2. Spring-cart horse: R. J. Marshall, 1; W. Boles, 2. Boy rider: M'Glinchy, 1; Kelso Couch, 2. Trotting in saddle: E. Cole, 1; F. Dudgeon, 2. High jump: H. D. Morton's Desmond. Pony race: W. R. Atkinson, 1; L. W. Swan, 2.

Dairy Cattle.—Aged bull: Musgrave Bros. Bull, 1yr and under 2: Dr. Hay, 1; Geo. Lindsay Horsley, 2. Bull calf: C. Sharp, 1; W. H. Sharp, 2. Heifer, 2yrs and under 3: W. J. Cole, 1; C. W. Craig, 2. Heifer, 1 yr and under 2: C. W. Craig, 1; T. Cook, 2; H. Ellison, h.c. Heifer calf: W. H. Sharp, 1; J. W. Cole, 2; J. Lindsay, 3; T. Cook, 4. Three heifers, 1 yr and under 2: Lindsay Bros., 1; C. W. Craig, 2. Three heifers, 2 yrs and under 3: Lindsay Bros., 1; C. W. Craig, 2. Heifer, 2 yrs and under 3: F. Rogan, 1; H. Heininger, 2. Heifer, with not more than six permanent teeth: J. W. Cole, 1; T. Cook, 2. Three heifers, 1 yr and under 2, for those that had never won a prize: E. T. Evans, 1; W. H. Sharp, 2. Pen of five heifers, 6 months and under 12 months: H. Dudgeon, 1; C. W. Craig, 2. Jersey bull, 3 yrs and upwards: D. Hyam, 1 and 2. Bull, 2 yrs and under 3: Hyam, 1; E. W. Davies, 2. Bull, under 2 yrs: H. M. Warburton, 1; D. Hyam, 2. Cow, any age: Hyam, 1; Dr. Hay, 2. Heifer, 2 yrs and under 3: Hay, 1; Hyam, 2. Heifer, under 2 yrs: Hyam, 1 and 2. Bull, 3 yrs and upwards: Hay, 1; T. Cook, 2. Ayrshire bull, 2 yrs and under 3: Lindsay Bros., 1; Hay, 2. Bull, under 2 yrs: Hay, 1; Lindsay, 2. Cow, any age: Lindsay Bros., 1; Hay, 2. Heifer, 2 yrs and under 3: Hay, 1; Lindsay Bros., 2. Heifer, under 2 yrs: Hay, 1 and 2. The parade of the stock was a most imposing feature of the show.

Butter.—Salt, for table use: Jamberoo Co-operative Dairy Company, 1; Illawarra Central Co-operative Company, 2. Box, salt butter: Jamberoo Co-operative Dairy Company, 1 and 2. Ornamental butter: E. T. Evans.

Ham and Bacon.—Hicks Brothers.

Milk Test.—D. Hyam's Jean, 31lb milk, 4.7 test, 1.66 commercial butter, 1; Hyam's Blossom, 24½lb milk, 5.8 test, 1.61 commercial butter, 2; C. W. Craig's Blossom, 28lb milk, 4.8 test, 1.54 commercial butter, 3. The other competitors were:—Hyam's Betty, 32½lb milk, 4.0 test, 1.49lb commercial butter; Craig's Kathleen, 32lb milk, 4.0 test, 1.47lb commercial butter; E. Hamilton's Beauty, 23lb milk, 4.8 test, 1.26lb commercial butter; Craig's Strawberry, 25lb milk, 4.0 test, 1.15lb commercial butter; E. Hamilton's Primrose, 17½lb milk, 4.2 test, 1.84lb commercial butter.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

GLEN INNES.—549 mixed sheep from Bald Nob to Kent Park, F. Borthwick, owner; 2200 wethers, Inverell to Rocky Creek, Campbell Brothers; 1500 mixed sheep, Mosgrove to Killaloe, O. M'Cosker; 400 ewes and lambs, Walcha-road to Mungie Bundie, H. Hunt; 29 fat cattle, Waterdale to Square Range, W. Woolings; 75 fat cows, Emmaville to Bald Nob, E. A. Small; 185 mixed cattle, Bald Nob to Grafton, E. A. Small; 41 fat cows, Shannon Vale to Inverell, M. H. Girle.

CADBURY'S COCOA.

Who called it "a perfect food?"—HEALTH. Who said it was "absolutely pure?"—THE ANALYST.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

La Traviata, a black three-year-old filly, who is engaged in the Corowa Eclipse Stakes, has been taken in hand by the Melbourne trainer, A. Walke. Another filly, a chestnut by Hortulan, who is also in the abovementioned race, has been placed in the care of J. Hoystead.

The Sainora gelding Glenore seems to be something more than useful at hurdle-racing. At the recent Bega meeting he captured both events of that class, and followed this up by winning the First Hurdle Race at the Bombala Jockey Club's annual races on Tuesday.

A satisfactory state of affairs was disclosed at the annual meeting of the Tarcutta Race Club. The treasurer's statement showed that the club had a balance of £45 10s 5d to its credit, while the operations of last season had resulted in a profit of £13 12s 8d. At the conclusion of the business the president (Mr. P. Burt), on behalf of the members, presented the secretary (Mr. W. T. Archer) with a handsome travelling bag, suitably inscribed with the recipient's initials, and a travelling case. Complimentary reference was made by several speakers to the services which Mr. Archer had rendered to the club in his position as secretary.

The bay gelding Ilander II., by Butler (imp.)—Ira, has been sold privately by Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. to a western sportsman.

Messrs. W. Inglis and Son notify by advertisement that they will offer for sale by auction, at their bazaar, at noon to-day, the 14.2 racing pony Miss Euroka, by Euroka, and a 13.3 chestnut gelding, 3 years, by Courage, handled to lead.

Entries for the Wallsend Jockey Club's meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 23, close with the secretary (Mr. E. Coweher) at 8 p.m. on Friday. The events requiring attention are as follow:—Shorts Handicap of 30 sovs, 6f; Flying Welter of 25 sovs, 6f; Town Plate Handicap of 50 sovs, 1m; Borough Handicap of 25 sovs, 6f; Final Handicap of 30 sovs, 7f.

The ex-Australian racehorses Vigorous and Bundook were successful in winning races at the Calcutta races on December 19. Spark, by Antaeus—Mondaine, who used to race here in Mr. H. C. White's colours, also succeeded in winning the Colonial Stakes two days previously at Bombay.

The annual report and balance-sheet of Brisbane Tattersall's Club for the year ending December 31 will not make pleasant reading for its members. The profit and loss account shows a debit balance of £325 12s 8d. Eleven race meetings were held during the year, seven at Deagon and four at Albion Park. The loss on meetings held on the former course amounted to £513 12s 7d, but a profit of £209 5s 11d was made on those at Albion Park. The balance-sheet shows that the club started the year with a credit balance of £2712 0s 10d, but on December 31 last this had been reduced to £1189 4s 3d, the loss on the year's transactions amounting to £1522 16s 7d. A loss of £1056 6s 11d was sustained on the racecourse improvements account, while the general working statement showed a debit of £466 9s 8d. The expenditure for the year, including £1720 prize-money, came to £5292 16s 8d, while the receipts only amounted to £3770 0s 1d. The report states that the committee, after careful consideration of the whole surroundings, had decided that in the interests of the club it was necessary to hand the Deagon racecourse back to the vendors in terms of the purchase agreement.

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MELBOURNE SPORTING NEWS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Aspen, by Antaeus from Cigarette, has been sold to go to Western Australia.

Senica, who has been struck out of all engagements in Victoria, will return to New Zealand.

The steeplechaser A.M.B. will be shipped to Tasmania on Monday next.

Royal George has been struck out of the Hurdle Race, and Florin out of the Anniversary Handicap, to be run at Caulfield on Saturday.

The Messrs. Glasscock have sold to Mr. Clarence Wilson, of Ercildoune, a fine, well-matched pair of carriage horses by Sunlocks (son of Sunrise). They will be shipped to England in the steamer Essex this week.

On account of the heavy rain that fell this morning the race meeting at Aspendale Park was postponed till to-morrow.

Teera has been scratched for the Trial Stakes to be run at Caulfield next Saturday.

PARKES JOCKEY CLUB.

PARKES, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of subscribers of the Parkes Jockey Club was held this afternoon. Mr. H. H. Balcombe occupied the chair. The annual report and balance-sheet were adopted. These showed that, despite an adverse season, the club had cleared £60, while improvements to the extent of £26 18s had been effected. Eighteen nominations were received for the new committee.

MOLONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Molong Jockey Club Major Claude Smith (president) occupying the chair, it was decided to erect a grand stand in the saddling paddock, towards which £80 was subscribed in the room. It was also resolved to hold a day's race meeting on March 31, when £100 will be distributed in prize-money.

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.

The weekly meeting of the Kensington Racing Club was held yesterday, and was well attended. The track was in good order, and everything passed off satisfactorily. Following are the results:—

Fifteen Hands Handicap, of 30 sovs., second 3 sovs., 5½f.—C. Gallimore's Veronica, by Lochiel—Come Along, 8st 10lb (W. Evans), 1; Spiros, 7st 7lb, incl. 7lb over (W. Whitlock), 2; Coral, 7st 2lb (J. Ellicombe), 3. Other starters: Trinket, 8st 12lb; Sarsaparilla II., 8st 11lb; Sea Bird, 8st 2lb; Konig, 8st; Freedom, 7st 8lb; Belle Cole, 7st 5lb; Jessie Agnes, 7st 3lb, incl. 1lb over. Betting: 7 to 4 v Veronica, 2 to 1 v Sea Bird, 6 to 1 v Coral, 7 to 1 v Sarsaparilla II., 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 9¾s.

Fourteen-one Welter Handicap, of 25 sovs., second 3 sovs., 4½f.—G. Knight's Blush, by Will-o'-the-Wisp—Pearlshell, 8st 5lb (T. Adams), 1; Wide-Awake, 9st 3lb (W. Evans), 2; Loss, 8st 5lb (V. Gallagher), 3. Other starters: Barbara, 8st 12lb; Stella, 8st 12lb; Mulette, 8st 5lb; Lucretia, 8st 5lb; Bright Star, 8st 4lb; Annoyance, 8st. Betting: 6 to 4 v Wide-Awake, 7 to 4 v Loss, 4 to 1 v Blush, 7 to 1 v Mulette, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 59½s.

Trial Stakes, of 25 sovs., second 3 sovs., 4½f.—W. Cullen's The Masher, by Euroka—Myrtle, 7st 10lb (J. Cartwright), 1; Portrait, 8st 8lb (M. Connell), 2; Mervella, 8st (P. Fraser), 3. Other starters: Tattoo, 8st 2½lb, incl. 2½lb over; Le Var, 8st; Fairbeau, 7st 12lb; Graftlette, 7st 10lb; Glandore, 7st 8lb; Ironmaster, 7st 6lb, incl. 6lb over; Fernleigh, 7st 2½lb, incl. 2½lb over; Hailstone, 7st 2lb; Yeluacam, 7st. Betting: 6 to 4 v The Master, 2 to 1 v Glandore, 6 to 1 v Yeluacam and Mervella, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a head. Time, 59s.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, of 25 sovs., second 3 sovs., 5f.—R. Batterchip's Myamea, by Blarney—Warlike mare, 8st 2lb (T. Adams), 1; All Fours, 7st (J. Cartwright), 2; Ladybird, 7st 10lb (M. Connell), 3. Other starters: Arba, 8st 12lb; Linda, 8st 11lb; Miss Chetwynd, 8st 5lb; Gladys, 7st 6lb, inc. 2lb over; Ellen, 7st 4½lb, inc. 2½lb over. Betting: 6 to 4 v Myamea, 5 to 2 v Ladybird and Ayah, 7 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 6s.

Fourteen-two Welter Handicap, 30 sovs, second 3 sovs., 4½f.—E. Lawler's Kilmeny, by Dalmeny—Gazelle, 9st (T. Adams), 1; Pearlash, 10st 3lb (W. Evans), 2; Satania, 10st 10lb (M. Connell), 3. Other starters: Bliss, 9st 6lb; Jewellery, 8st 6lb; Perfume, 8st; Minnie, 8st; Sandhill, 8st. Betting: 6 to 4 v Kilmeny, 5 to 2 v Pearlash, 5 to 1 each v Satania and Bliss, 7 to 1 v Minnie. Won by a neck. Time, 59s.

Kensington Handicap, of 40 sovs., second 5 sovs., 1m.—P. Stewart's Nat Gould, by Medallion—Vera, 8st 1lb, inc. 3lb over (W. Evans), 1; Kilcoy, 7st 6lb, inc. 2lb over (A. Wagner), 2; Trinket, 9st (J. Cartwright), 3. Other starters: Olga Patricia, 9st; The Martin, 8st 11lb; Blue Blood, 8st 10lb; Rosebank, 8st; Jim Gosper, 7st 6lb; Snowdon, 7st 3lb; Carnation, 7st 7lb, inc. 6lb over; Torment, 7st. Betting: 3 to 1 v Nat Gould, 4 to 1 v Olga Patricia, 5 to 1 each v Trinket and Blue Blood, 8 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 46⅓s.

BOMBALA JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACES. FIRST DAY.

BOMBALA, Wednesday.

The first day's racing in connection with the annual meeting of the Bombala Jockey Club was held yesterday, when the weather was beautifully cool and the sport was well attended. The results are as follow:—

First Hurdle Race of 25 sovs.—Glenore, by Sainora, 1; Messenger, 2. Only two starters.

Commercial Handicap of 20 sovs.—Wiscacre, by Forest King, 1; Golden Ringer, 2; Parade, 3.

Bombala J. C. Handicap of 80 sovs.—Mite, by Tostig—Pearl, 1; Galtee Boy, 2; Ivy, 3. Mite, who was ridden by Howard, held the field safe from the start, winning comfortably by half a length.

Flying Handicap of 20 sovs.—Lord Roberts, by Projectile, 1; Beraie, 2; Malmanna, 3.

High-weight Handicap of 15 sovs.—Sunolia, 1; Glenore, 2; Reproof, 3.

The second day's racing has been postponed owing to heavy rain.

BINGARA ANNUAL RACES.

BINGARA, Wednesday.

The Bingara annual race meeting was a great success, and was largely attended. Results:—

FIRST DAY.

Opening Handicap.—Uno, 1; Bother, 2.

Hack Race.—Dagmar, 1; Bagman, 2.

Bingara Town Plate.—Bother, 1; Uno, 2.

Flying Handicap.—Irena, 1; Barmaid, 2.

Stewards' Purse.—Fettler, 1; The Chime, 2.

SECOND DAY.

Keera Handicap.—The Chime, 1; Plain Bill, 2.

Second Hack Race.—Acorn, 1.

Bingara Racing Club Handicap.—Wenonah, 1; Bother, 2.

Gwydir Handicap.—Acorn, 1.

Members' Handicap.—Bother, 1; Lurline, 2.

Farewell Handicap.—Bother, 1; The Chime, 2.

MACLEAN PICNIC RACES.

MACLEAN, Wednesday.

The new course at Maclean was opened by picnic races this afternoon. The attendance was about 800. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Abundance, 1; Newmarket, 2; Fontenoy, 3.

Hack Race.—La Belle, 1; Maud, 2.

Trot.—Dock, 1; Tommy, 2.

Picnic Handicap.—Newmarket, 1; Abundance, 2; Fontenoy, 3. A protest was entered by the rider of Fontenoy against Abundance for jostling. The stewards' decision was reserved.

Publican's Purse.—Maud, 1; Lady Smith, 2.

CANDELO RACE CLUB.

CANDELO, Wednesday.

The Candelo Turf Club held its annual races to-day. The attendance was good considering the showery weather. Following are the results:—

Trial Walter Handicap of 15 sovs, 6f.—Mr. S. Wilson's blk g The Gift, by Prior—Bronzewing, 8st, 1; Mr. J. Cochrane's br g Merimbula, 8st, 2.

Candelo Turf Club Handicap of 30 sovs, once round the course.—Mr. W. Tapper's blk g The Future, by Waterfall—Palmist, 7st 10lb (including 6lb over), 1; Mr. H. Underhill's Batafia, 9st 10lb, 2.

Hack Race.—Mr. J. Lucas's Clematis, 1.

Flying Handicap, 6f.—Mr. W. Tapper's The Future, by Waterfall—Palmist, 7st 10lb, 1; Mr. W. Fraser's br mare Huretta, 7st 10lb, 2.

Distance Trot.—Mr. R. Kennedy's Jessie, 1; Mr. Gordon's Gem, 2.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

THE CYCLING CARNIVAL.

RAIN CAUSES A POSTPONEMENT.

Rain setting in last evening caused a postponement of the second night's programme of the big international cycling carnival, which was to have been run off on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The weather was altogether too unsuitable to allow of the racing being held, and the promoters were forced to postpone the racing until to-night, when with a fine night there should be a great night's sport, for the programme arranged is absolutely the best that has ever been placed before the Sydney public. There are 20 events, and they are confined for the greater part to the first-class men, such as the world's champion, Major Taylor, Floyd Macfarland, Orlando Stevens, Hardy Downing, Don Walker, J. Megson, R. Mutton, F. H. Scheps, J. Filsell, A. Gudgeon, and many others who are in Sydney for this carnival. The prospect of some big battles between the champions, Major Taylor, Ivor Lawson, and Floyd Macfarland is attracting great attention from all cycling enthusiasts. The first race is timed to start at 8 p.m.

COUNTRY CLUBS.

The Gunnedah Club was unsuccessful in its appeal against disqualification by the league for 12 months. As a result of the league's decision, a new club is about to be formed in the district.

The Newcastle Club holds its race meeting on the 22nd January. The programme is a liberal one, £50 being allotted in prize money for the racing. The entries for the meeting closed yesterday with Mr. M'Intosh.

The Tathra cyclists are forming a club, and intend joining the league.

A carnival is being got up by the Eskbank Club on Anniversary Day; £30 is to be given in prizes, the principal item of the meeting being a wheel race of £15. As a special inducement to Sydney sprinters, free entries are given in all events. The nominations for this meeting must reach the league secretary on Monday next.

The Bega and Germanton clubs have made arrangements to become affiliated with the league.

SYDNEY THOUSAND.

All cyclists who intend participating in the above important race must send in their entries not later than the 30th inst., otherwise they will not be allowed to compete in the great March contest.

A.N.A. WHEEL RACE.

The following are the handicaps for the A.N.A. Wheel Race, of two miles, to be decided on the 30th inst. at Melbourne:—Major Taylor (U.S.A.), Ivor Lawson (U.S.A.), Floyd M'Farland (U.S.A.), scr; Don Walker (Vic.), 30yds; Downing (U.S.A.), Forbes (Vic.), 40; Filsell (Vic.), Stevens (U.S.A.), 50; Mutton (N.S.W.), Palmer (Vic.), 60; Megson (N.S.W.), 70; Gordon (Vic.), 90; Farley (Vic.), 100; Cameron (N.S.W.), 120; Payne (N.S.W.), 130; A. C. Middleton (Vic.), 140; Gee (Vic.), 160; Thomas, Whitson, and Esler (Vic.), 170; Corbett (N.S.W.), Kitt (Vic.), 180; Auger (S.A.), Smith (Vic.), 190; W. Middleton (Vic.), 200; Best, Flack, and Woods (Vic.), 210; Chappell, Cooper, Clarke, and F. Smith (Vic.), 220; Hruston, Grant (Vic.), 230; Bearpark (N.S.W.), Souter, Pearson, Finlayson, Hawker (Vic.), 260; Goddard, M'Gibbon (Vic.), Harris (N.S.W.), Smith (Vic.), 270; Dutmaer, Thorpe, Castle, Meyer, Wobford, Houlihan, Chandler, Holbern, 280; Lingren, Rivers, Clinton, Fitzgerald, M'Auliffe, Trask, Fregon, Irworth, 290; Nisbett, O'Brien, Perryman, Forgarty, Hocking, Matthews, Branch, Jones, 300; Kennedy, Martell, Wakenell, Musgrove, Wigley, Hawley, Kreitling, 310; Scott, O'Sullivan, O'Connor, Matson, Crockett, 320; Viasopulos, Beeson, 330; Wilson, Flanagan, 340; Fraser, Wilnot, 350.

MOTORING.

The danger attending the use of high horse-powered engines on cycles has recently been exemplified in the case of H. B. James, the well-known motor expert. The Victorian crack was recently riding in the final of a five miles motor contest at Castlemaine, Victoria, when the great speed attained by his powerful engine drove him up on the banking and almost into the fence. Had James not shut off the power quickly nothing could have saved him from getting a very serious spill. As it was, he came a nasty cropper, owing to one of his tyres bursting. Fortunately he escaped with a few bruises. In the case of all high-powered motor cycles used in track races, the tyres are strained laterally to an enormous extent, whilst on the running strip there is little or no wear. It is to be hoped that the use of very high-powered machines will be done away with in racing out here. In European countries, especially in England, the governing bodies have recommended a 23-7 engine as sufficiently large for racing purposes. All other higher-powered engines are not allowed to compete now in England, and are rightly termed monstrosities.

The latest American files give particulars of a fast record journey on a motor car by Barney Oldfield. The crack American went for the mile record, and succeeded in driving his car that distance in 54 4-5s, at Los Angeles course California.

COOLAMON, Tuesday.

The local cycling club held the annual meeting of members last evening. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Patron, Mr. T. Fitzpatrick, M.P.; president, Mr. A. W. Stinson; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Ashwood, C. Page, and J. Iverach; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Skien; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. W. Moore; committee, Messrs. R. Pyke, W. Nest, W. Denoon, J. Sinclair, G. Walton, W. Cutler, and J. Thorpe. It was decided to affiliate with the council of the New South Wales League of Wheelmen and the Riverina Cycling Centre.

CRICKET.

TEACHERS' CRICKET EXCURSION.

The P.S.A.A.A. sent a team to Victoria during the vacation. Matches were played in Gippsland, at Geelong, and at Melbourne. The principal event was a two days' "test match" with the Victorian teachers, at St. Kilda, on the 7th and 8th of January, the other matches being with clubs at Cunninghame, Dandenong, and Geelong. The trip was most satisfactory, and the party is loud in its praises of the kindly treatment and friendly reception everywhere on the trip. The following is a summary of the team's performances:—December 26, at Cunninghame (Lakes' Entrance)—Scores, N.S.W. Teachers 260 (O'Neill 59, Walsh 49, Young 48), Cunninghame C.C. 75; won by N.S.W. Teachers by 185 runs. December 31, at Dandenong (Gippsland)—Scores, N.S.W. Teachers 178 (Clifton 68, Sweetnam 32), Dandenong C.C. 87 and 35; bowling (Teachers), Irwin 8 for 34, Young 7 for 36, Russell 4 for 15; won by N.S.W. in an innings and 56 runs. January 6, at Geelong—Scores, N.S.W. Teachers 325 (O'Neill 162, Russell 29, Irwin 23), Geelong C.C. four wickets for 236 (Grant 85, Bates 59 not out, Smart 45 not out); bowling (Teachers), Young 2 for 61, Russell 1 for 36; drawn. January 7th and 8th, at St. Kilda (teachers' test match)—Scores, N.S.W. Teachers 180 (Walsh 65, Young 37, Irwin 19, Van Epen 15), Victorian Teachers 100 (M'Innis 30, Cousins 25, Lumsden 10, Smith 10), and 88 (Cousins 47, Abercrombie 16, Lumsden 15); bowling (N.S.W.), Young 13 for 85, Russell 5 for 44, O'Neill 2 for 46, (Victorians) Smith 5 for 55, Taylor 3 for 48, Cousins 1 for 24; won by N.S.W. by 10 wickets. Results four matches played—Three won, one drawn.

SCHOOL TEACHERS v JUNIORS.

Public School Teachers v Combined Juniors, played at Waterloo Park on Tuesday, was drawn. The Teachers total, 210 runs, was compiled in 85 minutes. Scores:—

Combined Juniors.—First Innings.

W. Louden, b Shortland	12	A. Preddy, b O'Neill	14
A. Gow, b Shortland	1	J. Culey, not out	14
Sutton, b O'Neill	83	Sundries	19
Lassans, b Lobban	27		
G. P. Barbour, retired	31	Total eight wickets (innings closed)	251
R. Culey, b O'Neill	7		
E. Preddy, b Walsh	41		

Bowling: O'Neill, three wickets for 102 runs; Shortland, two for 48; Lobban, one for 33; Walsh, one for 26.

Teachers.—First Innings.

F. M'Mullen, b R. Culey	12	Walsh, b Hadfield	4
J. O'Neill, b Gow	7	T. Lobban, b Hadfield	53
C. Walker, not out	101	R. Spear, not out	4
Landry, st Culey, b Gow	5	Sundries	5
D. Eppon, b R. Culey	19	Total six wickets	210

INTERNATIONAL ELEVENS.

OFFER OF A TROPHY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association held last night consideration was given to the offer of Sir Malcolm M'Eacharn to provide a trophy valued at 250 guineas, to be competed for by international elevens. It was decided to write to Sir Malcolm M'Eacharn assuring him that the association appreciated his generous offer, but there did not appear to the association to be any need for the institution of such a trophy, and there might be a difficulty in the way of its proper custody.

BLACKHEATH, Tuesday.

In a match played between a team of visitors and the Blackheath C.C., on the local ground, the visitors won by 65 runs. Scores: Visitors 100 (Broughton 30), Blackheath 35.

GUNDAGAI, Wednesday.

Brungle Aborigines defeated Gundagai by 8 runs.

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.

A well-attended meeting of the committee of the Anniversary Regatta was held at the Hotel Australia last evening, under the presidency of Dr. A. Burne.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Q. L. Deloitte. In response to an invitation, Mr. Alfred Gollin wrote, regretting his inability to attend the regatta and race his yacht Sayonara in the 30ft and over rating events. Mr. Gollin, who forwarded a donation of five guineas, was elected a vice-president. Dr. Burne stated that he and the hon. secretary had waited on the State Governor, Sir Harry Rawson, on Tuesday, when his Excellency promised to attend the regatta. It was decided that Mr. George Dew be an umpire to follow the general handicap race, 18ft and upwards, and also the 18ft handicap sailing races. Owing to a large number of entries being anticipated for sailing skiffs, a fourth prize was added, the prizes being fixed at £5, £2, £1 10s, and £1. It was agreed that naval service races will be sailed under service conditions. The committee-room has been removed to 19 Bridge-street, but final entries for all events will close at the offices of Messrs. Hardie and Gorman, 131 Pitt-street, on Saturday, at 9 p.m. Mr. E. Trelawney was elected a vice-president.

ATHLETICS.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

THE FULL TEAM OF NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVES.

The monthly meeting of the council of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association was held at the Sports Club last evening. There was a good attendance, Mr. R. Coombes, president, being in the chair.

The selector of New South Wales representatives for the Australasian championships (Mr. R. Coombes) submitted the team selected for confirmation, and on his suggestion it was decided that, if necessary, a seventh man should accompany the team. Mr. C. D. Jones, hon. secretary, who has worked indefatigably in the interests of the association, was selected as manager of the team. The treasurer presented a statement, which revealed the finances to be in a satisfactory condition. The following officials were appointed for the A.N.A. sports meeting, which will be held on the 26th inst:—Referee, G. J. Bruce; judges, W. D. Langley, H. Abbott, A. W. Braid, and R. J. White; starter, C. D. Jones; timekeepers, S. J. Wyatt and T. C. Roberts.

It was resolved to meet the New Zealand and Queensland representatives in the Australasian championships on their arrival in Sydney, en route to Melbourne. Office-bearers of the New South Wales Association appointed officials at the championships meeting at Melbourne were:—Judge at finish, E. S. Marks; field judge, R. Coombes; lap scorer, C. D. Jones. It was decided to hold a smoke concert at the Sports Club on the 25th inst as a send-off to the New South Wales team and as a welcome to the Queensland and New Zealand representatives.

The following athletes, including those previously selected, will represent New South Wales at the Australasian championships:—100yds and 220yds, N. C. Barker, H. Henderson, and L. D. Robertson (Mr. A. J. Wilkins will also be a representative in the 220yds); 440yds, N. C. Barker, A. J. Wilkins; 880yds, A. J. Wilkins, G. H. Dent, and N. C. Barker; 1m, A. J. Wilkins, G. H. Dent, and J. M. Lynch; hammer and shot, W. O'Reilly and P. J. English; 120yds and 440yds hurdles, C. P. Stewart and P. J. English; high jump, P. J. English; long jump, N. C. Barker, C. P. Stewart, and P. J. English; pole vault, P. J. English; 1m and 3m walk, J. Penny, P. F. Corrigan, L. F. Pomeroy.

The team have taken up training in excellent spirit, and work at the Sports Ground on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

LAWN TENNIS.

BLACKHEATH, Tuesday.

The final in a gentlemen's doubles tournament played on the local public courts, has resulted as follows:—Donovan and Read defeated Thompson and De Coque, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.

The Windsor Lawn Tennis Club has just concluded a very successful season. A team won 24 and lost two matches, and B team won eight matches and lost three.

BOWLS.

WAVERLEY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Twenty-eight entries have been received for the Waverley Club championship competition, and the draw for the first round is as follows:—J. F. Martin and E. S. Gillies, J. T. Blanchard and M. J. Fitzgerald, W. Rummell and E. H. Parsons, H. C. Usher and J. King, G. Carroll and H. C. Evans, L. G. Holthouse and Dr. Barkas, J. R. Rodgers and J. Donaldson, E. E. Wahlberg and J. K. Kondio, C. Morrison and D. M'Donald, S. Gelding and S. O. Irvine, R. Fairweather and E. Baines, A. J. Sands and W. Macleod. The games are to be concluded on or before February 13. Four bowls each, 31 up.

SWIMMING.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BONDI AND BRONTE BATHS.

Considerable improvements are shortly to be effected at Bondi and Bronte baths. Mr. H. Farmer has agreed with the Waverley Borough Council for the cancellation of his present lease of the Bondi baths, and entered upon a new lease for a period of five years from January 1 last. The lessee has covenanted to make certain improvements.

At Bronte it is the intention of Mr. Rowles to have the gas laid on, so that swimming might be indulged in at night to better advantage. The Australian Gaslight Company have informed the Waverley Council of their willingness to extend the local gas main to the baths.

EASTERN SUBURBS CLUB.

The Eastern Suburbs Club has provided a liberal and attractive programme for the thirteenth annual carnival, to take place at the Coogee Aquarium Baths on Wednesday night next. In addition to the Duff Cup event (81 yards), there will be the Wentworth Hundred, teams race (162 yards), schoolboys' 54 yards handicap, and a novel limelight diving display by Ken. Chambers and other well-known diving experts.

EASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Arrangements have been made for holding the 220 yards championship of the Eastern district at the Randwick and Coogee Club's carnival at Coogee early in February.

500 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF N.S.W.

The above championship will be decided at Farmer's Domain baths on Saturday, the occasion being the annual carnival of the Enterprise Club. The swimmers so far entered are:—R. Cavill (Pyrmont), C. Healy, and H. Baker (East Sydney), R. R. Craig and J. Craig (Mort's Dock), and J. Dickie (Enterprise). The holder of the title, Geo. Read, has since gone over to the professional ranks, and consequently will not defend his right to hold the championship. R. Cavill will in all probability win, but the contest for second place should be very keen.

BALMAIN-GLADSTONE CLUB.

A 133yds members' handicap was decided by the Balmain-Gladstone Swimming Club at Davis's floating baths on Tuesday night. Mr. H. Campbell was judge, and Mr. S. Davis acted in the dual capacity of starter and timekeeper. Following were the results:—

First heat: R. Hopkins, 11s, 1; A. Verney, scratch, 2. Time, 1m 47s. Second heat: H. Dalley, 4s, 1; S. Law, 2s, 2. Time, 1m 42s. Final: H. Dalley, 4s, 1; R. Hopkins, 4s, 2. A very close finish. Time, 1m 41 2-5s.

THE NEWTOWN TRAGEDY.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

The Acting City Coroner (Dr. R. H. Todd) held an inquest at the Lloyd Hotel, George-street North, yesterday on the bodies of Alexander William Bedford Sly and Ellen Gertrude Sly, who were found dead in a room at No. 49 Watkin-street, Newtown, the previous day with their throats cut.

Dr. Jamieson said that the gash in the woman's throat was evidently a homicidal wound, while the wounds in the man's neck had apparently been self-inflicted.

William Sly, accountant, residing in Forbes-street, stated that the male deceased was his son. He was born in New Zealand, and was 34 years of age. Witness had not seen him for 10 years. Up to 13 years ago he was sober in his habits, and was healthy. He was learning the tailoring trade, and was not of weak intellect. For the last seven years witness had been unable to obtain any information about him.

John James O'Leary, a draper, residing at the Agincourt Hotel, George-street, stated that the female deceased was his sister. She was born at Goulburn, and was about 30 years of age. He last saw her alive on Saturday, when she called at the shop where he was working. She did not appear to be in any trouble, nor was there anything strange in her conduct. He lived with her and her husband for seven or eight years, but left them two or three months ago. He had never seen anything strange in the conduct of the husband, who was a tailor's presser. Sly had a belief in spiritualism, and had an idea that he could put people into trances. He used to go to seances, but his wife did not share his belief. Witness' sister had left a letter addressed to him, which indicated that she was in a very troubled state of mind. (The letter referred to was of a rambling character, and was evidently the product of a disordered brain. The writer stated that "the vendetta was having a horrible revenge," and that "the push" was not treating her and her husband fairly. There were also references to assaults on her and her children by a man, a description of whom she gave.)

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that Alexander William Bedford Sly murdered his wife, Ellen Gertrude Sly, and then committed suicide, whilst temporarily insane.

THE DOWAN HILL TRAGEDY.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

KARLSSON COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the City Coroner's Court yesterday morning Dr. R. H. Todd, Acting City Coroner, resumed the inquest on the body of Ezer Harris, 24, who died as a result of injuries received during a quarrel amongst a number of seamen on board the barque Dowan Hill, lying at Miller's Point, on Friday last. Richard Karlsson, who had been arrested on a charge of having caused the death of Harris, was present in custody.

The medical evidence was to the effect that death was due to a fracture of the skull, which might easily have been produced by the corner of a deck broom.

George Joseph Carter, clerk in the employ of Dalgety and Co., Ltd., stated that he witnessed the quarrel on board the barque. Three or four sailors were fighting, and the deceased went forward to separate them. Karlsson then went up and pulled him away from the others, and Harris stumbled and fell on the deck. Karlsson then kicked him, and, seizing a broom from a lad who was sweeping the deck, struck him on the side of the head with it as he attempted to rise. He saw no provocation given Karlsson by Harris.

Constable Finn deposed that when he arrested Karlsson he admitted having struck Harris, who, he said, had come on board drunk with some of his mates, and the two of them had fought. When asked whether he had hit Harris with a broom, Karlsson replied, "Yes, I hit him on the head with it; he struck me several times before that."

The jury, after a short retirement, returned a verdict of manslaughter against Richard Karlsson, who was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court on February 15.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

DIFFICULTY BETWEEN BOTH HOUSES.

APPARENTLY AT AN END.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The threatened trouble between the Legislative Assembly and the Council with respect to the Redistribution of Seats Bill, the Constitution Amendment Bill, and the Electoral Bill, has apparently been obviated. When the Council met last night, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Kingsmill, announced that if the House would agree to send the Redistribution of Seats Bill with amendments on to the Assembly, the Government would undertake to ask the Assembly to agree to a conference between both Houses, and to submit the three bills to that conference. The Government would further undertake that in the event of the Assembly refusing to accept the decisions of the conference, the bills should be dropped. The Council accepted the Government's undertakings, and forwarded the Redistribution of Seats Bill on to the Assembly.

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BIRTHS.

HARWOOD.—January 9, at 64 Regent-street, Paddington, the wife of G. W. Harwood, of twin sons.

MARRIAGES.

ELKINGTON—BRADLEY.—December 23, 1903, at St. Mark's Church, Darling Point, by the Rev. E. Lampard, George Frederick, eldest son of Mr. Victor Elkington, Melbourne, to Sylvia, daughter of the late Mr. Walter Bradley, Sunnyside, Randwick.

DEATHS.

BINGLE.—January 10, at Commercial Bank of Australia, Collingwood, Victoria, Frances Elizabeth Bingle, widow of the late John Hayden Bingle, of Sydney and Newcastle, aged 64.

BIRD.—January 13, at her residence, 56 James-st, Redfern, Martha, beloved wife of the late Absalom Bird, aged 72.

FITZMAURICE.—January 13, at her residence, Carlyle, Pitt-street, North Sydney, Olivia E., beloved mother of James S., Arthur E., and Annie Fitzmaurice, Mrs. T. Morrison, and Mrs. M. Ross, in her 69th year. Perth (W.A.) papers please copy. No flowers.

HINTON.—January 13, at his residence, Muriel, Raglan-street, Mosman, Bradley Wilson Hinton, aged 74 years.

KNAPMAN.—January 13, 1904, at Carey-street, Marrickville, Ernest Milton, the dearly beloved infant son of Thomas and Annie Knapman, aged 10 weeks.

M'DONALD.—January 13, 1904, at Kyamba, Smith-street, Summer Hill, Alice M'Donald, aged 12 years.

PAINE.—January 8, at Clarence, Blue Mountains, George Williamson, infant son of G. H. and K. Paine, aged 11½ months.

TAYLOR.—January 13, at her residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, Ellen Sarah, beloved wife of Frank Taylor, in her 56th year, after a long and painful illness. At rest.

WYNESS.—January 13, 1904, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, James Wyness, dearly beloved husband of Mrs. Wyness, of 422 Oxford-street, Paddington, age 55 years.

WYNESS.—January 13, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, James Wyness, late of Broadwater, Richmond River, aged 55 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BOOTH.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Eliza Booth, who passed away January 13, 1903. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Minnie Booth. Sadly missed.

HALL.—In loving memory of my dear uncle, R. T. Hall, late of Macquarie Lighthouse, who died January 14, 1899. Inserted by his nephew, H. T. Hall.

HUMPHREY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife, and mother, Ada Humphrey, who departed this life January 14, 1903. Inserted by her loving husband and daughter, Alfred and Martha Humphrey.

HUMPHREY.—In sorrowful remembrance of my dear sister, Ada Humphrey, who departed this life January 14, 1903. Sadly missed. Inserted by her loving sister, J. B.

HUMPHREY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister, Ada, who departed this life January 14, 1903. Inserted by her loving sisters, Mrs. M. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Fretus.

HUMPHREY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister, Ada, who departed this life January 14, 1903. Inserted by her loving brothers, Horace and Samuel Pearce.

LEEDS.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, Joseph Leeds, who died January 14, 1897, aged 46 years. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

MADIGAN.—In loving memory of my dear father, James Madigan, who departed this life January 14, 1901. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, John and Florence Madigan, Coonamble, N.S.W. R.I.P.

MORGAN.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Alfred, who died January 14th, 1903. Inserted by his loving parents and his brothers and sisters, Dick, Dave, Jim, Sarah Sheldrake, and Phoebe Cunynghame.

PAGE.—In loving memory of our baby, Linda May, who died January 14, 1884. Though lost to sight, to memory dear. F. J. and E. P. Page.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. CUSACK and FAMILY desire to return THANKS to Mrs. and Mr. Smith and kind friends for their kind sympathy and condolences in their sad bereavement.

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THE REFORM ISSUE.

As there seems to be some confusion of thought in connection with the reform issue, and as the proposals of the Government to give effect to the demand of the people through the referendum are being attacked, it is advisable to clear the ground a little. Parliament is to meet next Tuesday to deal with the legislation necessary to reduce the number of members in the Assembly. So far as we know at present the Government has arranged to introduce a bill in which the principle of reduction of members is to be affirmed, and the Assembly is to be cut down to 90 members. The actual division of the State into electorates is then to be left to a commission composed of reputable and impartial men, and political interference is to be prevented. Under this arrangement Parliament is not to be allowed either to modify the commissioners' plan of electoral subdivision or to refer it back to them. Their decision is to be final. Mr. Carruthers objects to this, however, because it will run counter to all precedent. The leader of the Opposition thinks that it may create an evil precedent, and so threaten the rights and privileges of Parliament. But we have urged in reply that the referendum has run counter to all precedent. Moreover, Parliament as at present constituted is thoroughly discredited; and if the decision of the country as conveyed by the recent mass vote is to be accepted no possible harm can arise by taking the details of redistribution out of the hands of members. The main question, of course, is whether there shall be an immediate reduction of members. If there is to be, it is fairly evident that no other method of securing it is possible. The signs all point to such wrangling and waste of time if ordinary latitude is given, or if the usual Parliamentary forms are adhered to, that the session will close with nothing done, or with the road blocked against progress later on. If members of the Assembly are to decide as to electoral boundaries there will be no chance of a general election in August on a basis of 90 members, for every political expedient will be adopted to delay matters. We have already had such a taste of what the members of this Parliament can do in the direction indicated that it is farcical to suppose they will become urgent in performing the happy despatch. No doubt objection will be taken to this that the referendum has altered everything. It has shaken members up to some purpose. But our point is strengthened by the reminder. Professions of regard for the people's will will be frequent and painful and free. Only as opportunities of defeating the popular mandate are afforded them will members wriggle while protesting loudly that they are going straight. If the Government's proposals are accepted the way will be cleared at once. There can be no wriggling. The principle of reduction of members will be accepted, and the number as set forth by referendum will be embodied in the Act. Everything else will be left to men who have no political axes to grind, who will not be under pressure from the Government, and who will know that they are accountable to the people and to nobody else.

Commenting upon this programme on Tuesday the Melbourne "Argus" said:—"The Government proposal is to ask Parliament to appoint commissioners to plot out the enlarged constituencies. This, on the surface, seems exceedingly fair; but after what happened with the Federal scheme the people may well be distrustful. Party influence is excluded from the redistribution, but Government responsibility goes at the same time. The Government may do as the Federal Government did—join members in rejecting the scheme, and so postpone reform indefinitely." This is practically the position taken up by a correspondent who signed himself "Reform" in a letter which appeared in our columns on Tuesday. Both critics forget, or ignore, the fact that the gerrymandering of the Federal Government consisted in joining malcontent members in the House of Representatives so that the scheme of redistribution for certain States was rejected in turn, and the old unfair State-provided electorates were allowed to remain unaltered. The number of members was not affected at all. Here it is necessary to cut down the representation from 125 to 90. But the point of supreme difference is that the See Government does not propose to allow Parliament any right of revision. There will be no chance of gerrymandering, either by re-arranging the boundaries of the new electorates or by rejecting the plan of the Commissioners. Consequently the only alternative left for objectors is to argue that the Commission will be subject to Government pressure, and that political influence will creep in in spite of everything. All we can reply is that it should be possible to make the Commission independent. If the right men are appointed there will be no difficulty, and names have already been suggested by the Government which leave little to be desired. For the rest we think it absurd to assume that the country will submit to such treatment as "Reform" coolly proposes. He would have the Government defeated right away, and appeal made to the people once more on the old basis. He does not seem to realise that the country has spoken out for immediate reduction with an emphasis that Parliament will disregard at its peril. But to Mr. Carruthers and to "Reform" we would point out that a House of 90 members must not be considered final. It is a step forward, and the step must be taken at once. Then, since the referendum was a sort of desperate remedy for a desperate disease, and a membership of 90 is something and nothing, the taking from Parliament for once the right of revision may be passed as necessary if abnormal. If reformers in the Assembly mean business let them not play into the hands of those whose one object is to discredit the Opposition with the country while keeping any redistribution of seats back as long as possible.

THE COMMONWEALTH MAIL CONTRACTS.

It is understood that tenders will close at the end of the month for the Commonwealth mail contracts, and our Melbourne telegrams mentioned a rumour yesterday that the P. and O. Company had decided not to tender for the carriage of mails between Great Britain and Australia. This is not welcome news, and it may be hoped that the rumour is incorrect. The reason suggested is the coloured labour clause in the Commonwealth Postal Act, referring to mail steamers, but whatever the cause may be the public here will receive the news with regret. It would mean for us the breaking of a long and honourable connection with the P. and O. Company. For many years, more than fifty indeed since the Chusan first ran, that company and its familiar flag have been a valued and at one time an almost indispensable link between Australia and the old land. It has carried on its service, like the Orient Company, efficiently and well. Regular and fast mail service has been maintained between the two hemispheres, a comfortable and safe means of sea-travelling has been provided, and the people of these States have learned to trust and esteem the two companies. For these reasons there will be a general sentiment of regret at the somewhat unceremonious severance of the connection. The reason given by the Commonwealth Government is, first, that coloured labour must not be employed in the stoke-hole or elsewhere of steamships trading or travelling round our coasts. There is some talk also of a quicker service, and perhaps of a cheaper one. On both these points, however, there is room for difference of opinion. If Australia requires added advantages above those she at present possesses in this direction, we must be prepared to pay for them. No doubt the Commonwealth authorities would enter on that responsibility with a light heart, distributing the cost ratably among the States, and deducting from refunds out of Federal surplus the money required to meet the claims of such new service as they may establish. But the States will have to pay for any extravagance or bad bargains to which the Commonwealth postal authorities may choose to commit them.

In August last a deputation waited on the then Prime Minister in Melbourne, representing the local Chambers of Commerce and Manufactures and other mercantile and trading associations, to request the repeal of the clause in the Postal Act which renders necessary the exclusion from our mail service of the P. and O., Orient, and other companies employing coloured labour. One of the principal arguments used was that this law would prevent the continuance of a joint contract as at present with the Imperial Government. A serious difficulty lay, it was pointed out, in attempting to discriminate against our fellow subjects in the East, and the deputation expressed an opinion that we were, "by placing this vexatious and unnecessary provision in the Act, ill-requiting the British Government for all it had done for Australia." We only quote this here because the Federal Government has lately been making a certain parade of its desire to help Mr. Chamberlain to draw the ties of empire closer by means of tariff restriction. The principal speaker contended, further, that by this coloured labour cause we flouted the British Government merely to give employment to men of other nationalities to the detriment of our own coloured fellow subjects. But beyond mentioning the arguments as constituting a factor in the question it is not necessary to pursue this side of the subject. The immediate point with which the public is concerned is the fact that it stands to lose its old connection with the tried and trusted mail and passenger carrying companies, and take a leap in the dark so far as the cost and quality of the substituted service are concerned. As the deputation to Sir Edmund Barton pointed out, the mail contract is now a joint one between ourselves in this Commonwealth and Great Britain. But if the P. and O. and other companies choose to object to the labour clause, and to fight shy of the probable provisions regarding seamen's wages round the coast, which it is understood will appear in the Navigation Act, the mail-carrying companies may consent to tender for mail-carriage in one direction only, from England to Australia. And it has been said that there are circumstances in which the great lines might elect to stop at the first Australian port, which is Fremantle, and to come no further eastward.

If that could happen the port of Sydney would suffer seriously, both in prestige and in profit. It is hardly conceivable in any circumstance that the liners would end their voyage at Fremantle, but it will be remembered that a proposal has been mooted to make the main service to Colombo only, and to change mails and passengers there, at probably the maximum of inconvenience to travellers, for conveyance by a subsidiary service to Australian ports. "The feelings of Australian passengers when families had to be separated at Colombo and distributed in cabins amongst strangers and Anglo-Indians," said the spokesman of the deputation we have mentioned, "could be imagined." It may be argued, of course, that as the Postal Act and its coloured labour provisions are the result of Labour influence on legislation this objection will not matter much. But if that line of reasoning be adopted, it helps to define the partisan attitude of the so-called Federal Ministry even more definitely than before, and we can hardly wonder that the wage-payers and regular wage-earners of the community become restive. The berthing of the great liners alongside our wharfs means a good deal to Sydney in annual outlay for wharf labour, carriage from wharf to warehouse and the like, provisioning, and repairs. They bring visitors to our city also, and perhaps it is because we do not understand the value of this so well as other cities do that we are inclined to underestimate the importance of that. But these considerations are practical, and affect the exchange and interchange of employment and money all the same. So far as it has any employment-giving and wage-earning significance the proposed change ought to be considered by the labour voters as well as by the Labour leaders—by the wage-earner as well as by the politician. It is really a question in which the whole community is interested. When Sir Edmund Barton replied to the August deputation in Melbourne his defence of the Act amounted to a plea that it ought to be tried, and he mentioned that the term of the new contract will be for five years. Five years of a makeshift and costly experiment may be quite long enough to do considerable mischief.

THE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE.

The paramount importance of right ideas about education is so obvious that at any time a Teachers' Conference should be a matter of keen interest to public opinion, for it is public opinion, as Plato tells us, that is the real educator, and in his "Republic" its voice, in the courts, the theatre, and the camp, was deemed to be irresistible. But the conference which Mr. Perry begins to-day is specially worthy of every one's attention. A great and pressing responsibility has been laid on the Minister, his inspectors and teachers. Between them they spend nearly a million sterling per year, and the vital interests of more than 300,000 children are entrusted to them. A serious indictment has been made against what they are doing with those young lives. That indictment came not from irresponsible opinion, but from the carefully chosen commissioners of the department itself. And to-day Mr. Perry brings his inspectors and teachers together, and asks them Rosebery's historic question. "What do you think of it all?" We are very clear, and we hope Mr. Perry is equally clear, that this conference is not what he has promised nor what the public demand. They demand, to paraphrase a description of a great Berlin conference of 1890, a set and public debate, on matters of principle and of educational machinery, by a representative body of men, each distinguished in his profession, well acquainted with school work, familiar with the history of the subject and with the development of public and expert opinion, and armed with the careful results of statistical inquiries. It is evident at a glance that to-day's conference does not fulfil those conditions. We do not doubt that personally Mr. Perry is quite sincere in offering absolute freedom of speech to those present. As those present have been born and bred in the system under review, and have been debarred as far as might be from contact with other places, other minds, the offer is a tolerably safe one. Obviously, we should say, the criticism of paramount value will be that which comes from those who, while well acquainted with the details, are independent of the department. We know, however, that some teachers, greatly to their credit, have risen superior to heredity and environment, for at the conference last year they recommended the substitution of inspection for examination. That recommendation, wise if teachers are actually in a position to profit by it, was so far frowned on by department heads that Mr. Perry completely stultified himself by adopting it for alternate years only. In the light of that experience we can only expect hesitancy on the part of reformers within the department, unless indeed Mr. Perry himself gives a strong lead. It is significant that so far there has been no departmental comment on the commissioners' report, nor have the semi-official journals of education done other than fight shy of it. So far as practical service goes, therefore, everything to-day depends on Mr. Perry. If he proves capable of seizing on what is really a dramatic moment no one will be readier to congratulate him and his departmental heads than we shall. The indications have been that the details of reform, the training of the teachers, the revising of the syllabus, the inculcating of a great ideal, will have to be carried out by a strong man, resourceful and tactful, bred in a very different environment. It will doubtless be well should those indications prove false. The conference that begins to-day will be the first evidence we shall have of things not seen, and we do genuinely hope that the faith of those who still believe in the department may be justified. Naturally Mr. Turner will be present, and Mr. Perry can hardly have overlooked the need to invite the other commissioner to be present and to voice what he feels to be the urgent necessity for reform. "It is a common fault of educational conference," a critic has said, "that the conference straggles over too wide a field, that speeches on general questions and on particulars, are intermixed, and that consequently the disputants fail to come to a close grip." Although to-day's conference, announced first as one thing and then as another, must be something of a scratch meeting, it is to be hoped that that criticism will not apply to it. Of course, it cannot hope to cover the whole ground of the report, if indeed those present, the majority of them, have yet read it. But it can express itself as satisfied or dissatisfied with what John Stuart Mill rightly called the most important part of the question—the quality of the education it gives. It can ask itself how far it gives a boy an ideal which will orient his whole life and supply a reason for all his acts. It can ask itself whether it has lived up to its great responsibility, whether it has equipped itself to the uttermost to do that which in any State is most of all worth while. Money has not been spared on it. It can ask itself in the plainest terms what it has given in return. And upon that answer not the fate of this report, not the fate of educational reform, but the fate of the department as it stands must depend.

Lecture to Teachers.—Under the auspices of the New South Wales Public Teachers' Association a lecture was given at the association rooms, Spring-street, last night. The lecture was arranged for the benefit of the country teachers spending the vacation in Sydney. Mr. J. E. Branch (superintendent of drawing in public schools) was the lecturer, and he gave an exposition of the various kinds of drawing, modelling, and brushwork, recently introduced into the public schools of the State. The lecturer was accorded a vote of thanks, on the motion of Dr. R. M. Morris. Mr. G. M. Taylor presided.

State Labour Board.—It appears from a return prepared by the State Labour Board that during December last the names of 185 men were registered as desirous of securing employment. The number provided with employment was 291, of whom 68 were sent to day labour works, 208 to relief work (one week's work at Christmas), and 15 to private employment. During the same period the services of 148 men were dispensed with, owing to work being completed, and 28 left voluntarily. Some 84 men were offered work, but refused to accept it. A summary of the board's operations from January 13, 1902, to December 31, 1903, shows that the registrations during that period totalled 11,798. Those sent to work numbered 6955 (6385 to Government works, and 570 to private employment). The number of men on the rotation lists on December 31, 1903, was 1601 at the Chancery-square office, and 766 at the Trades Hall branch.

New Bridge at Richmond.—The town of Richmond will be en fete to-day, the occasion being the turning of the first sod of the abutments to the new bridge in course of erection over the Hawkesbury River. The ceremony will be performed by Sir John See. The Premier, accompanied by a Parliamentary party, will leave the Redfern station at 9.25 a.m. for Richmond, and will return in the evening.

Municipal Reform.—When addressing a large gathering of ex-Mayors, aldermen, and others at the Randwick Town Hall on Tuesday night, Sir John See referred to the subject of municipal reform. He explained that he had had practical experience of municipal life, having served in the local borough council for 11 years, during which period he was thrice Mayor. He had learnt a good deal of municipal life. During two Parliamentary sessions he did what he could to bring about municipal reform, but he found that nearly every alderman who was a member of Parliament had his own idea on reform. He, however, was still hopeful of being able to afford a larger scope to local councils than they at present possessed. The councils, he admitted, had not enough power, and no one was more anxious than he was to see municipal reform introduced.

The Betterment Principle.—It is learned on the authority of the Railway Commissioners that so far the betterment provisions inserted in a number of recent railway construction Acts have never been enforced. In some cases the construction of a railway has been recommended by the Public Works Committee on condition that the adjoining landowners contributed a betterment tax to the funds of the Railway Commissioners, the object being to make up for the estimated shortage in the railway earnings, as compared with the working expenses and interest payable on the cost of construction. The tax is generally 1d per acre per annum on land up to a certain distance from the railway, the amount diminishing as the land extends beyond a certain radius. The recently-constructed railways to which the betterment tax is supposed to be applied are:—The Rock to Green's Gunyah, Koorawatha to Grenfell, Gundagai to Tumut, Byrock to Brewarrina, and, in a modified degree, the Casino to Grafton line. The railway authorities explain that the tax has not been imposed, first, because there is an ambiguity in the provisions imposing it; and, second, because there are difficulties in the way of collection. It is stated that officers from the railway, Treasury, and Lands Departments recently met to discuss whether a working basis could be arranged for the collection of the tax. It is stated their deliberations will necessitate the passing of a comprehensive amending law.

The Samoan Controversy.—We have been requested to publish the following letter received by the president of the Evangelical Council of New South Wales from the official secretary to the Governor-General:—"Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that his Excellency the Governor-General is in receipt of a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the memorial which was presented by your council, praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into certain charges made by his Eminence Cardinal Moran against the conduct and character of British officers and seamen in Samoa. From the Secretary of State's despatch it appears that full inquiry has already been made into this matter, with the result that 'his Majesty's Government do not consider it necessary that any further notice should be taken of the Cardinal's statements, which are obviously based on inaccurate and insufficient information.'—(Signed) Geo. Steward."

Revival in Athletics.—The near approach of the Australasian championships meeting in Melbourne on the 30th inst and February 1 is responsible for quite a revival in athletics. At a meeting of the council of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association last evening the selection of the team of six athletes to represent the State in the various contests was confirmed, and the selector, Mr. R. Coombes, was given authority to select another representative if he thought it advisable to do so. In addition to the selected team, six gentlemen well known in the athletic arena also proceed to Melbourne as official representatives. All the men are assiduously training; in fact, both athletes and officials are putting forward their best efforts to make the visit a successful one. The New Zealand and Queensland teams for the championships meeting will arrive in Sydney in a week or so, en route to Melbourne. They will be entertained at the Sports Club by the A.A. Association on the 25th inst, when a send-off will also be given to the State representatives.

Island Mail Service.—The steamer Pacifique, of the fleet of the Messageries Maritimes Company, which is to inaugurate a new mail service between New Caledonia and the New Hebrides, under subsidy from the French Government, will sail from Sydney to-day for Noumea. The steamer Excelsior, which has been secured on charter for a further term by Messrs. Ballande and Co., of France and New Caledonia, will also conduct a mail service with the New Hebrides.

The English Mails.—It transpires that the English mails by the R.M.S. Ormuz bearing the date of London, December 11, did not leave Adelaide until 12.30 a.m. on Tuesday. They were not, therefore, received in Sydney yesterday, but will, it is expected, arrive in time for this morning's delivery.

Travelling Without Railway Tickets.—An excellent effect has been produced by the new regulation introduced by the Railway Commissioners, under which a person found travelling without a ticket must pay, in addition to the ordinary fare, a booking fee of 3d. The traffic officers state that no difficulty whatever has been experienced in carrying out the regulation. The ticket collectors report that the tickets are examined and collected with greater facility than was the case under the old arrangement. As showing the extent to which the practice of "dodging" the ticket collectors was practised, and the wholesome fear produced by the fine of 3d, a few figures relating to some of the principal railway stations are instructive. Taking a recent month's operations, it is shown that prior to the introduction of the regulation 300 persons were detected at Eveleigh station without tickets, but during a month's working of the new bylaw the number dropped to 41. At Clyde, under a similar comparison, the ticketless passengers fell from 463 to 36. At St. Peters there was a falling-off from 600 to 78. The record at the Arncliffe station shows a drop from 1077 to 133, and Rockdale from 1263 to 173. At Kogarah the number of absent-minded travellers dwindled from 1555 to 153.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works met yesterday and considered its general report, and also its report on the Nambucca River Harbour Scheme.

Combined rail and steamer excursions to the Hawkesbury River will be made to-morrow. Trains will leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.

The Randwick Borough Council has completed arrangements for the consolidation of the loans amounting to £27,000 with the Australian Mutual Provident Society. The rate of interest is 4¼ per cent., and ½ per cent. is to be placed to a sinking fund.

The revenue of the Mosman Council last year was £5400.

The crusade against unsightly advertising hoardings on the harbour foreshores is being actively prosecuted by the Sydney Foreshores' Preservation League. The attention of the organisation has lately been directed to certain hoardings on the foreshores of Mosman Bay, and with a view to secure their removal a deputation from the league will next week wait upon the Mosman Council.

PERSONAL.

DEATH OF A BALACLAVA HERO.

Mr. Arthur Berckelman, an ex-constable, died at his residence, Balaclava, Newtown, Windsor, yesterday morning. He had been ailing for a short time, but his death was not expected. He was 74 years of age, and leaves a large family. The news of his death was received with general regret for he was held in high esteem. Mr. Berckelman was a Crimean veteran, having seen service during that war, and was one of the survivors of the celebrated "Charge of the Six Hundred" at Balaclava. He held two medals, one for having taken part in that charge, and one for distinguished services during the war.

Lord and Lady Northcote arrived at Fremantle yesterday by the R.M.S. Moldavia. The vessel was due to sail for Largs Bay at 6 p.m.

Senator Neild has left for Western Australia for the benefit of his health. He hopes to return to Sydney in the early part of February.

Yesterday afternoon Captain Robertson Clark returned the official call on the Lord Mayor (Alderman S. E. Lees) on behalf of his Excellency the Governor.

Sir H. Chermside, the Governor of Queensland, who has been on a brief visit to New Zealand, returned to Sydney by the steamer Victoria which arrived yesterday from Wellington.

Mr. J. C. Watson, M.P., arrived at Temora by train yesterday morning. He was cordially received, and escorted to his hotel by a large number of townspeople, headed by the local brass band.

Mr. Sholl, D.P.M.G. of Western Australia, has retired, after 40 years' service, on a pension of £466 per annum. Mr. R. Hardman, the present Chief Inspector, is acting as D.P.M.G.

During service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, yesterday evening, Bishop Clarke unveiled a brass tablet erected as a memorial to the late Archdeacon Stretch by his children and grandchildren. Dr. Clarke paid a high tribute to the great work accomplished by the late Archdeacon.

The Right Rev. J. T. Main, M.A., of Dubbo, Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly of New South Wales, has accepted a call to the charge at Richmond. He has been minister at Dubbo for about 16 years. Our Blayney correspondent telegraphs that the Presbytery of Bathurst has agreed to the translation of Mr. Main to Richmond.

The aldermen of the Enfield Council on Tuesday evening expressed the unanimous hope that the Mayor (Alderman H. C. Pilcher), who that night retired from office preparatory to taking a 12 months holiday and health trip, would return to the district with renewed vigour. Alderman Pilcher has been identified with the progress of the district for many years, and is held in high esteem, especially in civic circles.

A preliminary meeting of citizens was held at the Australia Hotel last night for the purpose of taking steps to recognise the elevation of Alderman S. E. Lees to the Lord Mayoralty of the city. There was a representative attendance, and a number of letters from prominent citizens were read promising support. Mr. Hedger was voted to the chair. It was decided that the Lord Mayor be tendered a complimentary picnic, and also that the Lady Mayoress be presented with a souvenir. A committee was formed to carry out the arrangements.

Dr. Rougier, the head of the Sydney branch of the Pasteur Institute, leaves to-day by the M.M. Company's steamer Pacifique, now on her first trip to the New Hebrides. After one year of successful experiments with the Danys virus at his laboratory, Rose Bay, Dr. Rougier takes over with him a quantity of that specific for killing palmist rats, which destroy every year about one-half of the cocoanut crops in the islands. Dr. Rougier will also supply Dr. Faraud, the French resident in the New Hebrides, with fresh provisions of all kinds of serum for the new hospital at Port Vila.

It is proposed by members of the State Public Service to tender Mr. E. Fosbery, C.M.G., the retiring Inspector-General of Police, a concert, as a mark of esteem. This will take place on February 1 in the Town Hall, and the Premier will present Mr. Fosbery with an illuminated address. All the under-secretaries in the public departments are members of the general committee. Mr. E. F. Pittman, Under-Secretary for Mines and Agriculture, is the hon. secretary, Mr. F. Kirkpatrick, Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade, is hon. treasurer, and Messrs. E. S. Vautin (Lands), G. H. Brownlow (Mines), and H. B. Brewer (Treasury) are a sub-committee to make all the necessary arrangements for the concert.

Captain P. M. Dewar (Gordon Highlanders), who is travelling through Australia as the representative of the firm of Messrs. John Dewar and Sons, was entertained by a number of Scottish friends at Sandringham yesterday. The party left town about 10 o'clock by drag, and on arrival at Sandringham, the steamer Eclipse, which was in waiting, conveyed the picnickers up George's River, about six miles beyond Parkesvale. In the evening a banquet was held at Lincke's Prince of Wales Hotel. Mr. F. Wallace Wilson presided, and the toasts of "The Guest" and "The Firm of John Dewar and Sons" were honoured. Captain Dewar leaves in a few days for Queensland en route to China and Japan.

The third of a great trio of Rugby footballers—the most powerful set of brothers who have played football in the colonies, has just died of consumption at Brisbane. The Warbrick family hailed from Tauranga, N.Z., and the head of the family, "Joe" Warbrick, organised the Maori football team for England, and was admittedly the best footballer that colony has yet produced. With him in the Maori team to England were William, Fred., Arthur, and Alfred Warbrick. The three stars were Joe, William, and Fred. The first represented his colony with the first N.Z. team here. The second represented both N.S.W and Queensland, and the third represented Queensland. William died of consumption, consequent on twice jumping in to the rescue of ladies drowning at Lavender Bay. He was at the time in high fever from influenza. Joe was but the other day swept away by the Waimangu geyser, through rushing forward to save some ladies, and now Fred. has died. Alfred is the well known Rotorua guide.

At a municipal banquet at Randwick on Tuesday night Mr. Henry Clarke made a retrospect of 40 years of Parliamentary life, and then expressed his opinions upon some modern questions which in the early days of responsible government did not come within even the possibility of a dream. Mr. Clarke is, of course, the father of the House, and his now rare speeches invariably receive respectful attention. He assured the company at Randwick that after nearly 40 years of Parliamentary life in New South Wales he had not tired of it yet. He extolled the good work of past and present day legislators, and expressed the hope that those who might follow would do better. Mr. Clarke approved of adult suffrage. The women had done their level best in the recent federal elections, and he thought the granting of the franchise to them would be a gain rather than a loss. Mr. Clarke also approved of the referendum, declaring that the will of the people must be obeyed, but the proposal to abolish the historic Upper House seemed to be, in the view of so old a parliamentarian, a ruthless onslaught upon our political traditions. Far from abolishing the Chamber, Mr. Clarke declared that to make any alteration in its constitution would be a calamity to the country.

FEDERAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

POSSIBILITIES OF LABOUR PRESSURE.

MR. KINGSTON'S PROBABLE CHANCES.

There is every evidence that the political situation which may develop after the meeting of the Commonwealth Parliament is being discussed with a good deal of interest by those who have some knowledge of political matters. Members, not only in New South Wales, but also in other States, are looking forward to what may be in the future, and what may develop as the result of the meeting of members and their comparing of notes. In all States the possibilities of Mr. Kingston becoming a leading force in politics, consequent on the elections, is being discussed. In no one State is it contended that the Labour party and its return in such numbers is a reflex of the deliberate opinion of a majority of the voters, but rather the result of accident. In Victoria there was a large "revenge" vote, directed not so much against the Government of the Commonwealth as against the action of the State Administration. In Queensland and Tasmania the conservative sections of politicians have held power for so long and in the opinion of hundreds of electors have unduly interfered with the aims of the more radical of the voters that they have voted for labour as a means of protesting against what they deem unfair tactics. In South Australia and Western Australia the labour successes have been due to inactivity on the part of voters not connected with the Labour party. The labour section of the community placed their men in the field and worked to secure their return; the moderates also had their men in the field, but they were defeated because the supporters of labour rallied to the polls, while the others neglected to do so. This is shown in the Senate elections. It was harvest time on polling day, and the day was a good one for reaping. The farmers stayed at home to carry on their reaping. Hence the result. The fact that these forces combined to give the labourites success at the polls has made the possibilities of Mr. Kingston's advent into a leading place in Federal politics more patent now than they were before. As was pointed out yesterday, he may, if he chooses, command not only the labour section of the House, but may carry with him the discriminating support of the radicals of each Chamber. Practically, Mr. Kingston and the Labour members are at one in their aims. He is not a solidarity member, but he can command every member of that section. His following can only be counteracted by a united following from each of the other sections of the House of Representatives, and then when socialistic measures are brought forward there may be a counteracting force either to defeat them altogether or render them less socialistic. At present there is no evidence of a fusion of moderates, and it is not probable, judging from existing indications, that there will be any set agreement for purposes of political offence as well as defence. Such a thing will be more likely to evolve gradually than to be brought about by a common agreement arrived at after consultation between each section of politicians.

A MILITANT MR. KINGSTON.

Our special reporter in Melbourne telegraphed last night, in discussing the probabilities of political changes after the Parliament meets, that there is an opinion that Mr. Kingston may asume the offensive. It tends to show that the same process of political reasoning as is operating here is working there, and that the present surface indications are in favour of a Labour movement in the direction of assuming political responsibility, of giving up the analytical role and assuming the synthetical. He says:—"There is an opinion in what professes to be well-informed political circles that Mr. Kingston may move to attack early, and attempt the defeat of the Government on the Address in Reply. Victorian members treat the possibility of Mr. Reid, as leader of the Opposition, meeting with any success if he raises the fiscal issue in Parliament as very slender. They appear to believe that freetraders may regard an amendment upon the fiscal issue as necessary from a tactical point of view, but that very little stir will be caused by it. At the same time it is pointed out that on Mr. Reid's intentions will very largely depend Mr. Kingston's chances of obtaining a majority in the House. If Mr. Reid attempts an amendment in the debate on the Address in Reply in the direction of a declaration that, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary that certain duties of Customs should be reduced, very little stir would be created. There would, of course, be a closing of the protectionist ranks, and Mr. Kingston would be compelled to vote with the Government, but this would not prevent him from assailing the Ministry in another direction, possibly on its action in connection with the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill. There is the question of wages to be paid on deep sea ships so long as they are in Australian waters. Mr. Deakin, is, however, not likely to overlook possibilities in this direction. It is generally considered that if he escapes a fall on the Address in Reply he will forestall any later attack on Mr. Kingston's part. The Navigation Bill is already drafted and in type. It is certain to come forward very early in the session. It is to contain a provision for the control of the deepsea shipping conditions, and if any danger is apprehended the Prime Minister will probably circulate the bill either contemporaneously with, or even prior to, the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill. The House would, therefore, have an assurance of the sincerity of the Government on the deepsea shipping question, and it is considered that if a provision is to be made governing the conditions of trade between Australian ports, it matters little whether it is made in the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill or in the Navigation Bill. With the extension of the agreement between the shipowners and the Seamen's Union there is very little fear that a state of things will arise which will call for undue haste on the part of Mr. Kingston for a legislative enactment providing a scale of wages to correspond with those paid on interstate boats.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND ARBITRATION.

"A question that is likely to cause the Government even more trouble than the deepsea shipping conditions," our Melbourne correspondent telegraphed last night, "is that of the State railway servants and their relation to the Arbitration Court. Their inclusion led to the abandonment of the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill last session. During the election campaign Mr. Deakin repeatedly expressed his determination not to depart from his previous policy. The question is, Will he do so? A labour member said yesterday that his party was determined to have all the State servants brought under the provision of the bill. They would, he affirmed, insist upon it. After a careful estimate of their strength had been made they were confident of their ability to carry their point. This question is creating much discussion. It is recognised that pressure is being brought on the Prime Minister to induce him to forego his expressed intention of opposing the inclusion of State servants in the bill.

Of course, if Mr. Deakin disregards his election pledges in this way the chances of a change in the Government will be minimised. If he will consent to be the tool of the Labour party, Mr. Watson and his followers can scarcely look for anything better. They will achieve all their desires without accepting a tittle of the responsibility. No one doubts that the majority of the Ministerial team will urge their chief to hang to office at any cost, but it remains for the next few months to prove what is Mr. Deakin's limit. It is interesting to notice a rise that has taken place in the carriage of the few labour members who have recently been in Melbourne. That some of them aspire to the straight-out Ministerial benches is no secret. "It is not at all opposed to our policy," said one, "to accept office if by that means we can best further our aims. We are elected for a certain defined purpose, and if by forming a Ministry or having a leading part in a Ministry we can do the best work, we certainly should do so. Of course, we must then formulate a programme. No, it would not necessarily be purely labour. We should adopt a general programme of useful legislation, with prominence to those questions to which we are pledged."

When asked what kind of effect such Government was likely to cause on the London money market, this gentleman smiled. "We will meet that question," he replied, "when it arises."

THE AIMS OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

SOCIALISTIC LEGISLATION.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A demonstration to mark the success of the Labour party at the recent elections was held at the Centennial Hall to-night. Mr. P. Airey, leader of the Labour party, presided. The hall was packed, great enthusiasm prevailed, and a vote of congratulation to the constituencies upon the labour victory was carried on the motion of Mr. Kerr, M.L.A., seconded by Mr. A. Hinchcliffe, secretary of the Australian Labour Federation. The speakers included Senator Turley, Messrs. M'Donald, Fisher, Page, Culpin, and Thomson, Ms.H.A.

Messrs. M'Donald and Page both declared that the labour movement was a socialistic movement, designed to uplift the working classes, and they expected to be able to effect the platform of the party in the Federal Parliament.

Mr. Page, in the course of his remarks referring to the mail steamers, said: "There is one thing I am going to make public. You are going to get these boats up the Brisbane River with the aid of the Labour party."

THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

MARKING OFF SEATS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Already many members have marked off their seats in the House of Representatives for the new Parliament. The cards, attached to the background of dark green leather, tell effectively their tale of election changes. On the second Opposition bencher new members in Messrs. Blackwood and Kelly have chosen their seats together. Sir William M'Millan is, unhappily, missing, and speculation goes on as to who is likely to be Mr. Reid's lieutenant. A worthy successor to Sir William is not easily procurable. Mr. Watson is to sit in his old place on the cross Opposition benches, and close to him are new freetrade members in Mr. Gibb for Flinders, and Mr. Robinson for Wannon. Here also is Mr. R. Edwards, of Queensland, who deserted the Government at the close of last session. This corner presents a strange assemblage. Among several labour members sits Mr. Knox, one of the most uncompromising anti-socialists in the Chamber. Messrs. Mahon and Fowler have moved from the first to the second bench. On the cross Ministerial seats Mr. Hutchison, a new labour representative, has marked his place beside Mr. Batchelor, one of the ablest men in the party, who beat a freetrader, Mr. Solomon. Many of the new men have not yet shown up.

THE PRIME MINISTER.

Mr. Deakin left Melbourne by the Adelaide express this evening on a visit to Marble Hill, South Australia, where the Governor-General is staying prior to his departure from the Commonwealth. The Prime Minister will have his final interview with Lord Tennyson on various departmental matters. He will probably return to Melbourne on Saturday.

PACIFIC CABLE BUSINESS.

Of the 229 cable messages, yielding a revenue of £393, which conveyed the progress reports of the last test match from Melbourne to Great Britain 178 were despatched via the Pacific Cable. It is understood that this result was achieved by the cable authorities undertaking to give precedence to cricket messages.

THE PATENTS COMMISSIONER.

VICTORIANS ACTIVE.

An attempt is being made to secure the position of the Federal Patents Commissioner for a Victorian. Sir William Lyne was approached on the subject this afternoon by a deputation from the Melbourne patents agents. The Minister was assured that he could not do better than appoint Mr. G. H. Neighbour, chief clerk of the Victorian Supreme Court. Mr. Neighbour was, said the deputation, a barrister and a scientist of conspicuous ability. The salary of £800 which is attached to the position, however, was not enough to induce him to apply, and Sir William Lyne was advised to consult him before any appointment was made. The deputation thought that any other necessary positions in the patents office could be filled with satisfaction only from the Sydney Patents Department. In reply Sir W. Lyne said the proclamation of the Act would depend upon the advice of the Commissioner. He thought a good man for the position should be procured for £800 a year. It was not essential that he should be a barrister. What was wanted was a man of good sound common sense, with practical experience, organising ability, and strength to say, "No." Red tapeism should be avoided and inventors treated with every consideration.

The Public Service Commissioner, who has received 36 applications for the position, is engaged in making a selection.

MEDALS FOR IRREGULARS.

Many Australians who participated in the South African war were attached to locally-raised irregular forces. The officer commanding the Discharge Depot for irregular forces at Capetown has intimated to the Commonwealth military authorities that the Queen's South African medals for ex-members of the following units are now available:—Prince of Wales's Light Horse, Thornycroft's Mounted Infantry, Imperial Light Infantry, Loch's Horse, Ross's Guards, Roberts's Horse, and Orpen's Light Horse. Applications should be made to the officer commanding the Discharge Depot, The Castle, Capetown.

PUBLIC TELEPHONES.

Regulations controlling the use of private telephones by the public will come into operation to-morrow. Persons wishing to use the instruments will get three minutes' conversation for threepence, of which one penny goes to the subscriber.

UNIFORM AT RIFLE MEETINGS.

There has been considerable criticism of an intimation by the Federal Commandant that there was necessity for wearing uniform at State rifle meetings. The Minister for Defence states that he knows nothing about the matter, and promises to have inquiries made.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

It will probably take all the vigilance of the New South Wales members to keep the Government to its promises of last year in regard to the federal capital. Before Sir John Forrest went to Western Australia he applied to the New South Wales Government for surveyors to undertake an examination of the country within 25 miles of Tumut and Bombala. The report of these officers was to have been prepared as soon as possible, and everything done to facilitate the work of final selection. So far, however, nothing has been accomplished. Two New South Wales surveyors are to arrive in Melbourne on the 18th inst. They will receive instructions from the Home Affairs Department, and the work of survey will then be undertaken and a report furnished. Nothing could have exceeded the bitter provincial feeling against the selection of the site which prevailed in Victoria throughout the election campaign. The Victorian members of the new Parliament will be almost unanimous in their advocacy for an indefinite delay in selecting the capital. They will, doubtless, be defeated in their first effort, but it is more than probable that they will vote strongly for the site which, by its situation and extreme conditions of area with which it is hampered, will lead to an extended postponement of observing the Constitution. To keep the capital in Melbourne is one of the largest federal thoughts in the Victorian mind.

FEDERAL ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION ACT.

ACTION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria has decided to join the Yarrawonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association in protesting against any Federal Arbitration and Conciliation Act that will affect the producing interests of Australia. In the opinion of the Yarrawonga Association the proposal to bring shipping under the suggested legislation would have the effect of increasing freight on Australian products.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

THE HOUSES TO CONFER.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Legislative Assembly to-night decided to agree to a conference with the Legislative Council with regard to the Constitution and Electoral and Redistribution of Seats Bills. Several members who spoke on the matter stated, however, that if the decisions of the conference did not accord with the expressed wishes of the Assembly, they would refuse to accept them. It is anticipated that the majority of members of the Assembly are all of the same mind as those who spoke, and that the result is the bills will have to be dropped.

TO-DAY.

Centenary Hall: Address by Dr. Fordyce, 1.15 p.m.
Ryde Electorate: Public Meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, Drummoyne, 8 p.m.
Cycling Carnival: Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Monsieur Beaucaire," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Beauty and the Beast," 7.45 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Great World of London," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: "Mama's New Husband," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Why Women Sin," 7.50 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Queen's Hall: Mel. B. Spurr, 8.10 p.m.
Zoological Gardens: Moore Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bushranging Drama: Redfern Railway Station, 8 p.m.
Shooting the Chute: Manly, 2.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg."

THE WAR CLOUD.

IN THE FAR EAST.

PRACTICALLY AN ULTIMATUM PREPARED.

BUT NOT DELIVERED.

RUSSIA CONCILIATORY.

GOLDEN BRIDGE FOR RETREAT.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

The Council of Elder Statesmen of Japan and the Council of Ministers, as a result of their conference, yesterday decided to send a final Note to Russia, asking for a reply within a fixed period.

Later.

The "Times" says that the Japanese Note has not been presented to Russia, though drafted, because the tone of Russia's reply was conciliatory, and apparently invited a continuance of negotiations.

WAY FOR RUSSIAN RETREAT.

RECOGNITION OF POWERS' RIGHTS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The "Times" states that the treaties entered into by them entitle Japan and other Powers to residence for their nationals and equality of trade in Manchuria.

Russia possibly permitted the Dowager Empress of China, the "Times" adds, to ratify the commercial treaties with the United States and Japan as the golden bridge for the Russian retreat from an impossible position in regard to Manchuria, thus limiting the issue to Korea.

RUSSIA RELUCTANT TO FIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

Diplomatists at Berlin consider that Russia is reluctant to fight because she fears that Bulgaria would try to emancipate herself, and raise the Balkan question in an acute form, to the advantage of Austria.

CHINESE COMMERCIAL TREATIES.

HASTENING RATIFICATION.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The United States and Japan are feverishly striving at Peking to secure their rights under the new commercial treaties entered into by them before the commencement of hostilities between Russia and Japan.

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The Emperor of China has agreed to an immediate exchange of ratifications of the commercial treaty with the United States.

RUSSIAN NEWSPAPERS BELLICOSE.

ANGRY WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The Russian newspapers are more bellicose than they were, and are irritated at the attitude of Japan. They declare that the moral responsibility for hostilities lies with British diplomacy.

The Russian newspapers are bitter against Great Britain for allowing British subjects to man the Japanese new cruisers, the Nisshin and the Kasuga.

[A cablegram was published recently to the effect that a fair proportion of the sailing crews of the Japanese new cruisers, the Nisshin and the Kasuga, would consist of Canadians and Australians, and that they had an enthusiastic send-off from Dover on leaving England to join the Japanese vessels.]

MOVEMENTS OF RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The Russian warships at Bizerta, in the Mediterranean, have started for the Far East. Those at Suda Bay, Crete, have gone via the Red Sea.

SUBMARINES FOR RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Russia is trying to purchase three French submarine boats for service in the Far East.

THE JAPANESE NEW CRUISERS.

STEAMING TOWARDS GIBRALTAR.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The Japanese new cruisers, the Nisshin and the Kasuga, after heading for Port Said, were last seen steaming towards Gibraltar.

COTTON GOODS SHIPPED.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Immense shipments have been made at Liverpool and Birkenhead of cotton piece goods for the Far East.

NOTES ON THE FAR EAST.

FINAL NOTE FROM JAPAN.

PRACTICALLY AN ULTIMATUM.

The cable message published to-day that Japan has decided to send a "final note" to Russia is to all intents and purposes an ultimatum. Meanwhile Russian and Japanese ships of war, isolated by force of circumstances, are in distant waters watching each other, and waiting only for the word. Russia is making her position in Manchuria more secure as time passes, and it is safe to assume that the rival fleets in Eastern waters are ready for the great test. It would be a supreme demonstration of modern naval warfare, and from that expert point of view would be interesting. Meanwhile all that is to be said in respect of the negotiations is that the resources of diplomacy appear to be just reaching the point of exhaustion. Russia's offer to Japan was not calculated to heal the breach. The reply of Japan, which will "fix a period" in which Russia must say "Yea" or "Nay," or agree to a reasonable compromise, is bringing the complication to a definite head. The situation must be regarded as extremely grave.

THE DANGER OF DELAY.

Despite all that has been said as to the likelihood of Japan playing a waiting game, it was difficult from the first to see what Japan would stand to gain by postponing hostilities for a season. While it would give her an opportunity to make better preparation for the struggle, such an opportunity would be much more valuable to her rival. Mr. Bennet Burleigh, the veteran war correspondent, estimates that there are 100,000 Russian soldiers in Manchuria. According to several English authorities of a month or more ago, there were at that time 130,000 Russians in Manchuria. A still better authority in St. Petersburg fixed the number at 150,000. However, Mr. Burleigh has the advantage of being in the East, and deference must be paid to his statement. Even taking the largest estimate, the army is not equal to the force that Japan would be able to hurl forward. The chances would be that the Russians would suffer a series of early reverses, but in the long-run it might very well be a case of Britain versus the Boer repeated in the East between the Slav and the Japanese. The Mikado could probably pit 250,000 men against the advancing Russian host, and the fiery, passionate Japanese, unlike the Chinese, would not shrink from even the barbaric charges of the Cossacks. It may be reasonably assumed—for the reference to the Cossacks is merely incidental—that the Japanese for the moment are better prepared than the Russians. Whether they would be so after the lapse of some months is uncertain. The London "Standard" takes that view of the situation, and adds, "Holding as the Japanese do that surrender to the pretensions of Russia would be fatal, prudence itself may suggest that it is wiser to put their fortune to the touch immediately than to seek for a deceitful relief from the risks and losses of immediate war, at the hazard of inevitable defeat in the future." The question next arises of the danger of the peace of Europe being endangered. Japan is ostensibly not averse to fighting the business out with Russia without involving other countries—the message to China shows a desire not to involve the Powers—but once a gun booms in the East as a signal that war has commenced the world may well look for grave developments. Once the blaze is started the danger of a wide conflagration is not only possible, but must be regarded as likely. All the skill of diplomacy may not avail against one small act of indiscretion. The close relations of France with Russia on the one side, and Great Britain with Japan on the other, are sufficient alone to cause anxiety in the event of hostilities opening. Our Australian Minister of Defence makes the statement:—"In the event of war we shall see that we have expert opinions from the front that may be of service to us in the future." That is an extremely light and airy view of the case. Australia's relationship with the East, and her proximity to the theatre of possible war cannot be well disposed of in such a casual and easy grace. Whether Japan be victorious or defeated the future connection of Australia with the East is likely to bring forward some serious and perhaps some startling problems.

ILLNESS OF THE CZARINA.

FAMILY ALARMED.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

The Czarina is suffering from a severe attack of influenza.

The family is alarmed at her illness.

SOUTH AFRICA.

CHINESE ON THE RAND.

THE PROPOSED COLONIAL PROTEST.

COMMENTS BY ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

In referring to the proposal of the Premier of New Zealand that the Commonwealth, the Dominion of Canada, Cape Colony, and Natal should send a joint protest to the Imperial authorities against the introduction of Chinese to the Transvaal to work the Rand mines, the "Times" eulogises the services rendered to the Empire by Mr. Seddon, but expresses the hope that the proposed protest has not received much support.

The Transvaal, though provisionally a Crown colony, the "Times" writes, is treated as a self-governing colony, which knows its own mind best.

Referring to the same subject, the "Pall Mall Gazette" says that Mr. Seddon and the other Premiers are entitled to have an opinion, but their opinion cannot have a compulsory effect on the Transvaal, which will settle their own affairs.

PROSPECTS OF AFRICAN SUPPORT.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

Mr. Cowey, a retired African merchant, interviewed at Wellington to-day, said that while against the introduction of Chinese labour to work the Rand mines, he thought the Natal and Cape Governments would hesitate to come out on the side of Mr. Seddon's protest, though they might be in sympathy with him. The Cape and Natal were too closely bound to Johannesburg by business to thoroughly support Mr. Seddon.

AUTONOMY FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

News from Pretoria authoritatively foreshadows an early electoral redistribution, with a view to the introduction of representative government.

FOOD PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIA.

PAPER BY MR. LANCE.

MEAT, WHEAT, AND BUTTER.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Mr. C. C. Lance, the commercial agent for New South Wales in England, read a paper before the Royal Colonial Institute last night on "Australia as a Food-producing Country." Sir Westby Perceval presided.

Mr. Lance, in the course of his lecture, said that refrigeration might prove a potent factor of empire. Much lower prices of meat were probable. Australia ought to be able to land mutton and beef in London at under 2½d a pound.

He expected that in the near future there would be a considerable development in the wheat export. Butter was probably the most promising of Australia's food products, and he predicted an enormous increase with the return of normal seasons.

Mr. Lance believed that organisation would make the Empire mainly self-sufficient in food supplies without increasing the ultimate cost.

In the discussion which followed the paper, Sir Horace Tozer, Agent-General for Queensland; Mr. H. Dobson, Acting Agent-General for Victoria; Dr. Parkin, and Mr. E. V. Read took part.

NEW SOUTH WALES BUTTER.

VALUE OF A SUPERIOR ARTICLE.

The Minister for Agriculture has received a cable from Mr. Lance, Commercial Agent in London, wherein he draws attention to the fact that while some brands of New South Wales butters are excellent and uniform, others are irregular, and some are fishy. The London market on January 8 was dull, and many merchants were unable to clear consignments even at the reduced price of 94s to 96s per cwt. Some very good brands, however, sold at 98s per cwt. There is sufficient evidence of the great value of a superior quality and brand on a weak market. Good butter this week fetched 94s per cwt., while superior brought 98s per cwt., a difference of nearly a half-penny per lb. As a penny per lb. covers all shipping charges, even these reduced returns will yield 9d per lb. to factories f.o.b. Sydney.

Mr. O'Callaghan, dairy expert, has again this season clearly shown that fishiness is due to a specific micro-organism, having isolated this organism from butters that have proved to be fishy on their arrival in London. Fishiness is more detrimental this season than usual, owing to the fact that most of the old stored butters which were shipped from Australia at the beginning of the export season turned out very fishy when opened in London. Many of these stored butters are now almost unsaleable in England, and any new season's butter arriving there fishy will be greatly affected in price by the presence of these old fishy butters.

General cleanliness, the destruction, or frequent disinfection of all old musty dairy buildings, and the despatch of the cream to the central factory as soon as possible after separation, are the precautions necessary to avoid the production of fishy butter.

THE MONEY MARKET.

CONSOLS.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Consols were quoted yesterday at £87 12s 6d, an advance of 5s since Saturday.

RATE OF DISCOUNT.

The market rate of discount for three months' bills is 3¼ per cent., an advance of 1s 3d since Thursday.

BRITISH SUBMARINES.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The Admiralty proposes to build 27 additional submarine torpedo boats.

BRITISH FISCAL POLICY.

GERMANY GIVES WAY.

NO RETALIATION FOR PREFERENCE.

MODUS VIVENDI RENEWED.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Germany has informed the Marquis of Lansdowne, the British Minister for Foreign Affairs, that the German Federal Council will no longer raise objections to preferential concessions between British colonies or between the colonies and the motherland.

The commercial modus vivendi between Great Britain and Germany has been renewed, and its commercial advantages extended to the Cape and New Zealand. Germany desires that her commercial relations with Canada should be assimilated to her relations with the rest of the British Empire.

SIR H. H. FOWLER.

MR. BALFOUR'S SOPHISTRY ATTACKED.

INTOLERANCE OF FOOD TAXATION.

FREETRADE NOT TO BE VIOLATED.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Sir H. H. Fowler, M.P. (Liberal), addressed his constituents at East Wolverhampton last night on the fiscal issue.

Sir H. H. Fowler attacked what he termed Mr. Balfour's remarkable web of dialectic sophistry, which had not revealed his policy. Despite Mr. Balfour's ridicule, he maintained that the terms of freetrade and protection meant to-day what they meant 58 years ago. He (Sir H. H. Fowler) did not dispute the right of any individual statesman or political party to reopen the great controversy in the light of the experience of half a century, but the nation alone must decide the matter.

FUTILITY OF PREFERENCE.

It was impossible to link up the Empire by abolishing all protective duties, because the colonies insisted upon keeping their protective duties high enough to exclude British manufactures, though they were willing to raise the duties higher against foreigners.

It would be absolutely intolerable to tax food for so small a boon. We should lose control of our taxation and create hostile friction between the several colonies and between them and the motherland. We should also be at a great disadvantage in the event of war. The proposed fiscal arrangement with the colonies had been a very poor flirtation, for the colonies has made no offer.

A CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION.

Mr. Balfour wanted power to negotiate commercial treaties. He already possessed it, subject to the sanction of Parliament. It would be a gross violation of our constitutional system to transfer to the Executive free from Parliamentary control the power of taxation. Such a transfer ought to be resisted to the uttermost.

WHEN RETALIATION IS ALLOWED.

Regarding dumping, Sir H. H. Fowler said that it was a very serious thing to tamper with raw material. If a foreign combination, trust, or cartel exported to Great Britain at a nominal price, with the aim and intent to injure and ultimately ruin British industry, that would be a state of commercial war, and we would be justified in dealing with the hostile country by exceptional measures. Any scheme of retaliation must ultimately rest upon the taxation of food and raw material.

THE COST OF PROTECTION.

It was an insult to the intelligence of the people to pretend that cheaper tea and tobacco would be equivalent to dearer bread. Mr. Chamberlain's proposals must increase the cost of living to all.

If wages rose it would only be by the action of trade unions. The only industry created would be more Customs officers and smugglers.

PROSPERITY OF BRITISH TRADE.

Instead of our industries vanishing the latest returns showed an unparalleled volume of foreign trade, also an increase in British exports of manufactured goods.

The home trade showed every sign of prosperity. The workers had higher wages, increased purchasing powers, and shorter hours.

The country would commit a gigantic blunder if it allowed the principles of freetrade to be tampered with. He would do his utmost to avert so great a catastrophe.

THE PRIME MINISTER.

DISCOURSES ON MUSTY FORMULAS.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Prime Minister, speaking at the Conservative Club at Manchester yesterday, said that Unionists must meet new circumstances by new expedients and new diseases by new remedies.

They must not be content with a parrot-like, unintelligent, and unintelligible repetition of ancient, musty, and inaccurate formulas.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

THE APPOINTMENTS COMPLETE.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

The following additional appointments have been made to the Commission of the Tariff Reform League:—Mr. Boulton, chairman of Bart, Boulton, and Hayward, chemical manufacturers; Mr. J. G. Colmer, late secretary to the High Commissioner for Canada; Mr. John Dennis, Covent Garden fruit salesman; Sir Charles A. Elliott, representing India; Mr. Vicary Gibbs, M.P.; Mr. W. J. Goulding, chemical manure manufacturer, representing Ireland; Mr. J. M. Harris, managing director of the largest firm of English bacon curers; Mr. Levenstein, president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, representing the dyeing interest; Mr. Robert Littlejohn, a director of the African Banking Corporation, representing South Africa; Sir Westby Perceval, representing New Zealand; Mr. C. J. Phillips, deputy chairman of Watney, Combe, Reid, and Co., brewers; and Mr. C. J. Tonsley, president of the National Association of Master Bakers and Confectioners.

The Commission is now complete. It is intended to appoint a sub-committee of agricultural experts, who will report to the Commission.

Later.

Mr. Levenstein has resigned the position of president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Winton Council to-day passed a motion approving of Mr. Chamberlain's policy as being advantageous to Australia. There was only one dissentient. One speaker said the opponents of Mr. Chamberlain in England were asserting that Australia did not favour his proposals, and he thought that the various public bodies in Australia should discuss the matter and express their opinion.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE COLONIES AND DEFENCE.

MR. BALFOUR'S DESIRE.

SHARING THE BURDENS.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, in the course of a speech before the Conservative Club of Manchester last night, said he believed that the committee on Imperial defence would play a useful part in promoting closer union with the Empire. Every part should share its labours, including India.

The other day the War Minister for Canada, Sir F. W. Borden, attended the meeting of the committee, and assisted at its deliberations. Possibly that principle would soon be universally applied.

If the Commonwealth wished to discuss any question relating to Imperial defence, the committee would welcome any Minister or accredited representative from Australia.

MALTA MEAT DUTIES.

AN UNSATISFACTORY REPLY.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Mr. A. Lyttelton, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has informed the Agents-General for the colonies that he shared the opinion of Mr. Chamberlain that the duties imposed by Malta on frozen meat were not unfair to importers.

The Agents-General are dissatisfied. They had hoped for a better result if the matter should be submitted to the new Council of Malta.

[Sir Horace Tozer, the Agent-General for Queensland, on learning in November last that imports of Russian live cattle were given an advantage under the Malta meat duties to the extent of ½d a pound compared with Australian meat, pressed the Colonial Office to procure the amendment of the Malta tariff so as to equalise the duties on Russian and Australian products. The Agents-General of the other colonies strenuously supported Sir H. Tozer.]

THIBET.

THE MISSION TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

The mission from the Dalai Lama, at Lhassa, now on its way to St. Petersburg, has arrived at Tula, 120 miles south of Moscow.

THE ANTWERP WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

The first series of wool sales for the year at Antwerp opened yesterday. There were numerous buyers, and competition was greatly animated. Fine wools were fully equal to prices realised in November, while crossbreds were in the sellers' favour.

FREIGHTS TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Freights to Australia from Antwerp and German ports have been reduced in some instances by 10s a ton.

TALLOW AUCTIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

At the sales of Australasian tallow to-day 1250 casks were offered and 675 were sold. Prices were unchanged as follow:—Mutton, fine 28s 9d, medium 26s 9d; beef, fine, 28s 6d, medium 26s 6d per cwt.

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 13.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3⅛d per ounce standard, a fall of 1-16d since Monday.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

Mr. George Brookman, of Adelaide, has sent some pedigree horses, sheep, and cattle to that city.

Jan. 13.

M. H. Brisson (Republican Radical) has been elected president of the French Chamber of Deputies, defeating M. P. Bertrand (Republican) by 38 votes.

QUEENSLAND.

SIR HENRY NORMAN.

PRESENTATION TO THE CITY.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A fine portrait in oils of Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wylie Norman, who was formerly Governor of Queensland, has been received at the Town Hall, addressed to the Mayor of Brisbane, from the Queensland Agent-General, Sir Horace Tozer. The portrait is a present to the city of Brisbane by Sir Henry Norman. It is roughly 4ft 10in by 3ft 6in.

DISCOVERY OF A MAN'S BODY.

A report has been received by the police respecting the body of a man found between Stonehenge and Jundah, in the Mitchell district, early this month. The body has since been identified as that of Charles or Bertram Wainwright, a station cook. When discovered it was found lying on the face in about 9in of water at Dead Man's Channel, a tributary of the Thomson River, which has just been in flood.

RETRENCHMENT AT THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Drastic retrenchment has taken place in connection with the Brisbane Technical College, which has a deficit of £574 on last year's work, while the subsidy for 1903-1904 has been reduced by £1000. The salaries of the director and teachers have been cut down, and one officer has been dismissed; while every item of expenditure, not actually necessary, has been struck off, and other expenses curtailed in every possible manner.

REMISSION OF HARBOUR DUES.

The Government are stated to have declined to grant concessions in the shape of remission of harbour dues to oversea vessels, which trade here only at irregular intervals. Applications for such remissions are only likely to be entertained when made on behalf of vessels which purpose to call regularly.

RESIGNATION OF MR. J. G. ANDERSON.

The Governor-in-Council to-day accepted the resignation of Mr. John Gerard Anderson as Under-Secretary for Public Instruction, to take effect from June 30 next. Mr. Anderson has been granted leave of absence from April 1 to June 30. A communication has been forwarded to Mr. Anderson by the Minister for Public Instruction, expressing on behalf of the Government their high appreciation of his long and valuable services and expressing an earnest hope for his future welfare.

TASMANIA.

THE STATE GOVERNOR'S RESIGNATION.

HOBART, Wednesday.

When opening the fancy fair on Monday evening, Sir Arthur Havelock said his reason for resigning the Governorship of Tasmania was that he felt the time had come when he should not further carry on the important duties of his position. He expressed the deepest regret of himself and Lady Havelock at leaving Tasmania.

ANTI-INCOME TAX AGITATION.

The Premier will attend the anti-income tax meeting at Launceston to-morrow to defend the Ministerial position. He has already intimated to the conveners of meetings held at Beaconsfield and Mathinna that the Government cannot avert the collection of the tax, and that it would be useless calling Parliament together for its repeal.

For the Southern Tasmania Axemen's Association competition, taking place next month, under the auspices of the Centenary Celebration Committee, 241 entries have been received.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL DESIGNATE.

ARRIVAL AT FREMANTLE.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The new Governor-General, Lord Northcote, accompanied by Lady Northcote, arrived at Fremantle, en route to Melbourne, on the R.M.S. Moldavia to-day, and was met by the Governor, Sir F. Bedford, Sir John Forrest, the Premier (Mr. James), the President of the Legislative Council (Sir G. Shenton), the Commandant of the Western Australian Forces (Colonel Ricardo), and others.

Lord Northcote came up the river to Perth in the launch Francesca, belonging to Mr. A. E. Morgans, M.L.A. and was entertained by Sir F. Bedford at luncheon in Government House. He resumed the voyage to the east this afternoon.

LORD NORTHCOTE'S MOVEMENTS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Governor-General to-day received a telegram from Lord Northcote, indicating what his movements would be after his arrival in Adelaide. The R.M.S. Moldavia is expected to reach the anchorage at Largs Bay on Sunday afternoon. Lord Northcote will come ashore and proceed to Government House, where he will be the guest of Sir George Le Hunte, from January 17 to 19. He will then go on board H.M.S. Royal Arthur, and proceed to Melbourne. Lady Northcote will land on Sunday, and will go on to Melbourne by the mail train leaving that night.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S WELCOME.

LORD NORTHCOTE'S RESPONSE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Prime Minister wired to-day to Lord Northcote at Fremantle:—

> "On behalf of the Government and the people of the Commonwealth, it gives me sincere pleasure to cordially welcome you to Australia. We trust your period of office may be fruitful in happiness and prosperity."

During the afternoon Mr. Deakin received the following acknowledgment from Lord Northcote:—

> "Please convey to the Government and the people of the Commonwealth my cordial thanks for your kind welcome. I sincerely hope the coming years may be full of happiness and prosperity for Australia."

WELCOME FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY.

The following telegram was forwarded to Lord Northcote yesterday by the Right Hon. Alderman S. E. Lees, Lord Mayor of Sydney:—

> "On behalf of aldermen and citizens of the mother city of the Commonwealth I desire to offer you hearty welcome to Australia, and to assure you of the best wishes of the citizens for successful official career and pleasant sojourn in this part of his Majesty's dominions.
>
> "SAMUEL E. LEES, Lord Mayor."

The following is a copy of the reply of the Governor-General:—

> "Kindly express to citizens of Sydney my heartiest thanks for the kind welcome extended to me.
>
> "NORTHCOTE."

TELEGRAM OF WELCOME FROM THE SYDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

In reply to a telegram from the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, welcoming his Excellency the Governor-General (Lord Northcote), the following telegram was received by the president (Mr. George S. Littlejohn) of the chamber:—

> "Warmly thank members of Sydney Chamber of Commerce for the good wishes they express on my arrival.
>
> "NORTHCOTE."

NAVAL PREPARATIONS.

His Excellency Vice-Admiral Fanshawe left Hobart in his flagship H.M.S. Royal Arthur early yesterday morning for Adelaide to take part in the welcome to Lord Northcote. H.M.S. Tauranga and H.M.S. Psyche left in company with the flagship, and the three vessels cleared Hobart at 6.40 a.m.

THE COMMONWEALTH MAIL CONTRACT.

THE P. AND O. COMPANY'S DECISION.

WILL THE ORIENT LINE TENDER?

STRANGE ACTION BY SIR PHILIP FYSH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

There was very little further information to-day bearing upon the decision of the P. and O. Company not to tender for the new mail contracts between the Commonwealth and Great Britain. It may be taken for granted, however, that the great shipping firm does not intend severing its commercial association with Australia. It simply intends dropping the mail service. Such extreme conditions as those which the Labour-ridden Commonwealth Government seek to impose prevent the P. and O. Company from tendering upon a fair basis. Doubtless the company does not relish losing the remuneration which the mail contract provides, but the harassing demands of the Postal Department make it preferable to leave the matter alone. The Lascar service is a feature of the line, and it refuses to be bounced out of it by what will probably prove but a fad of a transitory phase of Australian politics. Fortunately for the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government has not succeeded in depriving it of the great facilities which such lines as the P. and O. afford for the carriage of all classes of produce to the old world. The company's Melbourne manager declines to in any way discuss the situation. The decision was reached, of course, by the directors in London. No other reason than that of the Government enforcing white labour is assigned for the company's action. Sir Philip Fysh professes indifference to the fact that one of the present companies carrying the mails is falling out. He conveys the impression that the Commonwealth will receive adequate tenders from outside sources, and that a fully efficient service will be maintained. His action during the past few days, however, is somewhat significant. If the Postal Department were receiving suitable tenders, it might be taken for granted that the Postmaster-General would not worry himself about the intentions of the P. and O. and Orient companies, which now carry the mails. Sir Philip Fysh, however, has shown that he is worrying considerably. On Tuesday he visited the office of the P. and O. Company, and, meeting there the representative of the line from London, asked point blank if the directors intended putting in a tender for the new contract. He was answered in the negative. Further inquiries failed to win any explanations. Sir Philip then became curious about the intentions of the Orient Company. He hurried away to the local office, and plied the manager with questions similar to those he asked the P. and O. people. This time, however, he failed to gain the least information. The representative of the Orient line declined to be drawn.

The fact that Sir P. Fysh would ask these companies about their intentions shows that he thinks it time tenders were in, and throws light upon the question of any tender being received from the Orient line. The two lines have been sharing the contracts for years, and it does not seem probable that one would take important action without first consulting the other. For the Orient Company to tender alone means that its present fleet of steamers in the Australian trade must be doubled. Possibly this line might undertake the contract in conjunction with another steamship company. With the P. and O. Company removed from the competition there is increased interest in speculation as to where the other tenders are likely to originate. There is certainly no other company at present trading with the Commonwealth which could alone undertake the work without great additions to its fleet. During the discussion on the Canadian-Australian service last session, Sir Edmund Barton, then Prime Minister, more than once hinted that tenders would come from lines of shipping trading across the Pacific and Atlantic, via the Canadian-Pacific railway. Such a service would probably prove as fast as the Suez route. As a stimulus to placing Australian produce on the European market, however, it would, of course, prove worthless. At present about 16 mail steamers are employed by the P. and O. and Orient companies in the mail service.

Although the P. and O. Company falls out of the contract, it will still be subject to carry mails at poundage rates. Thus the Commonwealth Government, while harassing the companies out of a chance to tender, can, in the event of its shortsighted policy failing, compel the carriage of Australian postal matter. There is no power, however, to stipulate any time-table. Shipping companies are bound to carry mails if desired, but they choose their [illegible]

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Dr. Anderson, who was deputed by the Government to carry out a series of inquiries in India into the occurrence and treatment of bubonic plague, has completed his report to the Colonial Secretary. Dr. Anderson says that under the present conditions existing in India systematical and continuous plague research work is not being carried on, and that we do not know any more practically about the disease than was known at the time of the Indian Plague Commission. His experience in India confirmed him in the belief that plague in the great majority of cases was not a contagious disease, as ordinarily understood. The discovery of a case of plague in a general hospital should not necessitate the quarantining of the institution. All that was necessary was the disinfection of the bed and bedding of the patient, and there would be no likelihood of any other cases occurring. The pneumonic form of plague was highly infectious, but differed from the ordinary, or bubonic, form. So far, no cases of primary pneumonic plague had occurred in Western Australia or Sydney.

THE STATE HOTEL.

Mr. Gregory, the Minister for Mines, states that the Government expects to make a profit of £800 from the State hotel at Gwalia during the present financial year. He is highly satisfied with the conduct and success of the hotel.

NEW ZEALAND.

SAFETY OF THEATRES.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The City Council has ordered that alterations be made at the Opera House to improve the exits. The lessee of another theatre is to be prosecuted for giving entertainments in unlicensed premises.

CO-OPERATIVE WORKERS.

Two thousand nine hundred labourers are at present employed in co-operative works in the colony.

SUSPECTED CASE OF SMALLPOX.

A suspected case of smallpox has been discovered at Christchurch, and the patient has been removed to the Bottle Lake Hospital. When the Mararoa, from Lyttelton, arrived at Wellington this morning, a saloon passenger who had been in contact with the Christchurch patient was removed to the quarantine station, where he will be kept under observation.

THE WALLAROO DISASTER.

THE LATE WALTER SANDOW.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

The Acting City Coroner (Dr. R. H. Todd) held a magisterial inquiry at St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday afternoon into the cause of the death of Walter George Sandow, 24 years of age, who died on Tuesday evening, as a result of injuries received on board H.M.S. Wallaroo on the 6th instant.

Evidence was given by Ernest James Trendall, acting artificer engineer, and Henry Bortarck, leading stoker and first-class petty officer on H.M.S. Wallaroo, to the effect that whilst deceased was trimming coal in the bunker on the 6th instant, when the vessel was between Jervis Bay and Hobart, a boiler explosion took place in the stokehole, and he was scalded by the escaping steam, being burnt practically all over the body.

A finding in accordance with the evidence was recorded.

THE FUNERAL OF SANDOW.

The remains of Walter Sandow, the fifth victim of the unfortunate explosion on H.M.S. Wallaroo, were accorded full naval funeral honours yesterday. The body was carried from St. Vincent's Hospital by Stokers Humby, Mitchell, Brandford, Eldridge, Lee, and Hall, to the hearse in waiting, while other invalids from the squadron watched the proceedings reverentially from the balcony of the institution. There was a moderate gathering along the route by which the cortege proceeded to the Mortuary. The coffin was covered with a Union Jack. The pall-bearers walked beside the hearse, and the Rev. T. H. Distin Morgan, B.A. (the port chaplain) and Captain J. Hewitt, R.N., followed a firing party of marines from the Wallaroo, Katoomba, and Mildura. The bluejackets and full complement of the vessel's crew, and a detachment of R.A.A. men under Captain Robertson brought up the rear. The Rev. J. S. Shearston, representing the Royal Naval Home, Lieutenant M'Cartney, A.D.C., representing Brigadier-General Finn, and Captain Jenkins, representing the officer commanding the R.A.A., Lieutenant Rickwood, representing Commander Brownlow, Mr. T. Milton, signal instructor of the New South Wales Naval Forces, with officers of the Wallaroo, also took part in the proceedings. The arrangements were carried out in full naval style.

On arrival at the cemetery the procession marched solemnly without any band to the Protestant section of the cemetery set apart for naval interments. A number of beautiful floral tributes were carried by men who followed the pall-bearers. An anchor in immortelles was sent by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shearston, and other wreaths were forwarded from the ship's company, the engine-room staff, the Commonwealth Naval Forces, the wardroom and officers, and Brigadier-General Finn, and Mr. and Mrs. Leighton. The service was read by the Rev. T. H. Distin Morgan, after which the marines fired three volleys, and Bugler Holman sounded the "Last Post." The party returned to the city by the funeral train, on which special carriages had been placed by the Railway Commissioners.

THE INQUIRY.

The Court of Inquiry now engaged in conducting an investigation into the cause of the disaster resumed its sittings on board H.M.S. Wallaroo at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, and sat throughout the afternoon. As already stated, the Court consists almost solely of experts, and the inquiry is of a preliminary character. An exhaustive investigation, however, is being made, and the sittings are likely to extend over a considerable period. The inquiry is being held with closed doors, and as soon as it is completed a report will be furnished to his Excellency Vice-Admiral Fanshawe. The Court will resume its sittings this morning.

CONDITION OF THE INJURED.

The two remaining patients in St. Vincent's Hospital, Thomas Pretty and Benjamin J. Atkins, continue to make satisfactory progress towards recovery. It has, however, been deemed advisable in their present condition to conceal from them the fact that their comrade, Walter Sandow, has passed away, and they are under the impression that he is being attended to in another part of the hospital buildings. The sad news of Sandow's death will not be broken to the men until they have recovered from the terrible shock consequent upon their serious injuries by scalding.

THE BENEFIT CONCERT.

The Town Hall concert now being organised in aid of the widows and orphans of the victims of the Wallaroo disaster has the full sanction and approval of the naval authorities and of Captain Hewitt, of H.M.S. Wallaroo. Mr. J. S. Shearston, the superintendent of the Royal Naval House, will be glad to hear from any ladies desirous of assisting the movement in any way, and a meeting has been convened for 11 a.m on Monday next at the Royal Naval House for the purpose of forming a committee. Yesterday Mr. Shearston was in receipt of numerous offers of assistance from vocalists and others, and desires these kind volunteers to communicate with Messrs. H. N. Southwell and J. E. Sykes, who will manage the musical portion of the entertainment and draft the programme. At a meeting of the Sydney Liedertafel, held on Monday last, it was unanimously resolved to assist at the benefit concert, and Miss Maud Dalrymple has also kindly volunteered her services. The organisers are hopeful that the concert will prove a pronounced success.

SYMPATHY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a meeting of the council of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, the following resolution was passed:—"The council of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce have heard with concern of the fatal accident on board H.M.S. Wallaroo, and desire, on behalf of the mercantile community in this city, to record their full sympathy with his Excellency the Admiral, and with those more immediately affected by the disaster."

WALLAROO RELIEF FUND.

We have received from Mrs. E. Hoskisson, the Glebe, 10s 6d.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 14.

Kincumber, s, 127 tons, Captain Patience, from Camden Haven. Geo. de Kmine, agent.

VICTORIA.

CEMENT v STONEWARE PIPES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works yesterday a lengthy and, at times, heated debate took place on the recommendation of the sewerage committee that the tender of Mr. Richard Taylor for the completion of the board's sewerage reticulation, with pipes of Portland cement, at a cost of £47,112, be accepted. Eventually the recommendation of the committee was carried by a large majority.

H.M.S. MUTINE AT HOBSON'S BAY.

H.M.S. Mutine made an unexpected appearance in Hobson's Bay yesterday. Many persons were quick to associate her arrival with events in the East. Inquiry, however, showed that the sole reason of the Mutine's visit was to receive her new commander, who was a passenger from England by the R.M.S. Ormuz. She will then proceed to Hobart.

CAPTAIN CARRINGTON'S SUCCESSOR.

Captain Fred. Sheriff will probably succeed the late Captain Carrington as master of the steamer Coogee. It is anticipated that the Coogee will be ready to resume her running at the end of the month. Meantime the Burrumbeet has been put on the line.

R. A. SOCIETY'S SHOW.

At a meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society on Tuesday the date of the next show was fixed for August 30 and 31 and September 1, 2, and 3.

SHIPMENTS OF GOLD.

The shipments of gold from Melbourne yesterday by the R.M.S. Himalaya amounted to £464,154.

ANTHRAX OUTBREAK.

An outbreak of anthrax is reported from Yeo, in the Colac district.

TENDERS FOR BRITISH NAVY SUPPLIES.

Apparently the efforts of the Agricultural Department to secure for Victorian manufacturers and producers a chance to tender for the British Navy supplies has borne fruit. The department received a cable message today from the Agent-General in London, stating that the Admiralty had advised him that tenders would shortly be called for next year's supplies of preserved meats for the navy. This message sets out further that contractors desirous of tendering should forward samples of their stock to, and nominate agents to act for them in, England.

The wool sales were continued to-day, when two firms of selling brokers offered 8633 bales. This included 3000 bales of scoured wool, which was generally admitted to be the finest show of scoured wool yet seen in Australia. Competition was very keen, and the late advance in the prices was fully maintained.

The schedule of Eugene Napoleon Boffard, professional singer, has been filed in the Insolvency Court. The liabilities are shown at £361, made up of various items for goods, board, money lent, professional services, and rent. The assets are stated at £6 5s. The causes of insolvency were losses in concert management, want of engagements, and pressure of creditors.

In a cricket match at Bendigo between teams representing the United Service and Kangaroo Flat Harry Trott scored 102, including a six, four fives, and 10 fours. Subsequently he took five wickets for 29 runs.

The will of Dr. W. Butler Walsh, late of Kew, has been lodged for probate. The estate is valued at £10,387.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ACTION AGAINST TRUSTEES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

In the Supreme Court to-day the Chief Justice delivered his reserved judgment in the case of Mrs. Zillah Phillipson v A. G. Downer, Peter Waite, and Walter Reynell, trustees under the plaintiff's marriage settlements, and her co-trustees, under the will of her late husband, N. E. Phillipson. The hearing of the case occupied about 16 days last year. The Judge said the action was divided into two parts. The first was a claim by Mrs. Phillipson against her co-trustees and co-executors under her late husband's will in respect of moneys which she sought to recover as income payable to her as tenant for life of the residuary estate under the will. The second was the claim by plaintiff as tenant for life under her two post-nuptial settlements against defendants, who were trustees under the deeds, for the restitution and repayment of £3800, subject to trusts of settlements which had been lent to the estate of the late N. E. Phillipson, and not secured in the manner required by trusts. His Honor said there would be judgment requiring defendants to restore £3800, borrowed from the marriage trust, and they would have the benefit as offered by the claim of security of shares for the amount they advance, with interest at 4 per cent. Their case was a hard one, for there was no letter before the action on this point, and the claim was the first intimation that the investment was objected to. His Honor said he had no doubt that the money was as secure as if invested upon freeholds or Government securities, and if defendants had offered to restore the money in the first instance he should not have given costs against them. There would be judgment for defendants with costs of the action, except as regards the costs of Part 2 against the plaintiff, and for their costs, after deducting the costs payable to plaintiff for Part 2, defendants would have a lien upon plaintiff's income under testator's will.

ADVERTISEMENTS OF ART UNION.

The attention of the Commissioner of Police has been called to advertisements relating to benevolent societies and an annual charity fete and art union to be held in Sydney in February, which are being sent to booksellers in this State without application being made for them. Twenty-five per cent. commission is offered on the sale of tickets. Recently tradesmen in Adelaide were fined heavily for exhibiting placards relating to an art union in Melbourne. The fact that the fete is arranged in another State, even with Ministerial authority, will not relieve persons in South Australia from the penalties provided by the local statute.

Mr. W. Carr Boyd, who was in charge of a prospecting party which crossed the tracks of the Anglo-Australian Syndicate's expedition led by the late Mr. Miller, in November, has reported that the Warburton Ranges was good auriferous country. He took into Perth (W.A.) 27 samples of stone from various reefs. He believed that there were copper and silver also, whilst opal was chiefly to be found there. He had seen diamond matrix direct from Kimberley, South Africa, and the same sort of stuff was to be found in places about these ranges. There was a big barrier of country to be passed before these deposits could be reached, and anybody going there must take camels.

Last Saturday four young jaguars were born at the Adelaide Zoological Gardens. In 1901 a jaguar gave birth to three cubs, but afterwards they were eaten by the mother. In June, 1902, the same jaguar gave birth to four more cubs, but the director, thinking her first litter were eaten through want of certain treatment, again left them with the mother, and on his occasion she looked after them for little more than a fortnight, and then again devoured them: so, as she has been given every chance, the cubs born on Saturday were at once removed. A collie bitch has been procured and the cubs are now being nursed by it. The director is anxious to raise these young animals, as the parents are the only jaguars of this species in the States.

THE TEST MATCH.

ARRANGEMENTS IN ADELAIDE.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Arrangements for the accommodation and comfort of the large crowds which are expected at the forthcoming test match are well in hand. Play will start each day at noon, and the usual adjournments for luncheon at 1.30 and tea at 4 will take place, while stumps will be drawn at 6 o'clock. The wicket will be 8ft 6in wide instead of 6ft 6in as formerly. It is as nearly as possible in the centre of the oval. Both teams were hard at work at the nets to-day. The weather is warming up, and the barometer is falling under its influence, so that whichever side has to field on Friday may expect a hot time. A big monsoonal disturbance is making itself felt in Western Australia, whence this State gets most of its rough atmospheric conditions.

THE TEAMS AT PRACTICE.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Australian twelve were in practice at the nets this morning. Hill, while batting against Trumble without a glove, got a severe knock on the fingers.

All the Englishmen, with the exception of Foster, practised in the morning. The Worcestershire crack has not yet quite recovered from his illness, but will probably try his strength at the nets to-morrow morning. Arnold and Bosanquet are quite well again. The English team will be picked to-morrow night, but the Australian side will probably be left until Friday morning.

RICHMOND.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

Richmond is at the threshold of the orchard-dotted Kurrajong. To-day a Parliamentary party is visiting the town to witness a ceremony in connection with a new bridge that is to be built over the Hawkesbury. Most city people have at some time been to this historic town. Australian history is brief, but to the native-born it is all-absorbing, and much of it is associated in some way or other with the Hawkesbury district, if not with Richmond itself. The Richmond agricultural district forms part of the gentle, undulating country between Parramatta and the Hawkesbury. To-day the farms are satisfying to look upon—some maize is nearly 10ft high, certainly over 9ft. There is a sweet, all-pervading smell of leafy lucerne. The blue haze of a mild summer season rests over the landscape and deepens on the Kurrajong. The river sweeps on its zig-zag course close to the town, and looking at its white sand-drifts and its shallowness it is difficult to believe that at intervals it is turned into a raging flood that carries away people, cattle, and horses, and spreads devastation and ruin. Driving through Richmond towards the Kurrajong one soon reaches the site of the new bridge. There is already a bridge there, but it is old and shaken, and in the opinion of the Works Department experts it would have no hope against a flood. It is a sharp dip from the road to the river at this point. The new bridge is to built close to the old structure.

THE SHADE OF PHILLIP.

This is a sketch of the year 1789—just 115 years ago. The Hawkesbury had lately been discovered, and "his Excellency Arthur Phillip, Esq., Captain-General, and Governor-in-Chief over his Majesty's territory of New South Wales and its dependencies, etc, etc," was out exploring with a party. The stream was deep, narrow, clear, and perfect for navigation. As Phillip looked on the country he said, "We must name that place the Green Hills." He was referring to the site where Windsor now stands; indeed, Green Hills is the old name for Windsor. As the rowers bent to their work, and the beauties of the heavily-timbered, luxuriant district were unfolded, one John Higgs said, "I would like a piece of this country for myself." Higgs, by the way, had formerly been aboard Captain Cook's Endeavour, and claimed to be the second Englishman who set foot on Australian soil. Phillip replied, half jocularly, "Take what you want for a pig run." Higgs fixed on what he wanted, and the grant was ratified. Meanwhile the exploration was continued, and Phillip went until he could go no further. Where he landed is about a mile above the site of the new bridge. The Nepean and the Grose—named after Major Grose—meet not far distant, and to-day the spot where Governor Phillip landed may be located by Belmont, the mansion of Captain Phillip Charley, one of the original Broken Hill magnates. By 1794 Lieutenant-Governor Grose had sent 22 settlers to the Hawkesbury. It is to the credit of Phillip that he foresaw the advantages of settling the rich lands about Richmond. The names of the "Twenty-two" were: Giles Moore, Dan Barnett, W. Pawson, J. Butler, T. Howell, J. Rous, C. Williams, J. Wimbow, W. Snailham, J. Acres, W. Douglas, J. Wright, J. Fendlow, Peter Bond, J. Owen, E. Cunningham, R. Davis, J. Roberts, Thos. Saunders, J. Webb, J. Welsted, and Thos. Caldwell. The despatch by Grose, in which the above names occur, added, "The settlers describe the soil as particularly rich, and they inform me that whatever they have planted has grown in the greatest luxuriance." The river, as it at present flows, is different from the river of Phillip's day. Certain changes in natural scenery and earth formations occupy ages upon ages, but with the Hawkesbury there has been a marked transformation well within memory of most of the residents of Richmond. Colonel Guest, one of the most enterprising sons of the Hawkesbury, Mr. George Pitt, members of the Faithfull family, and many others, relate that the Hawkesbury is becoming wider and shallower year by year. Each flood makes a difference, brings down sand, and drives the head of navigation nearer to the sea. The years 1799, 1800, 1806, 1811, 1817, were remarkable for great floods; in 1806 there was a still greater inundation, the whole of the country being submerged, and boats plying to and fro in the effort to save lives. In the year 1857 there was another disaster, 13 members of one family of settlers being drowned, and since then the Hawkesbury at various times has stretched forth and claimed many other victims and much valuable property.

IN THE TOWN.

Richmond is four miles beyond Windsor, and the first impression is pleasing. It has one business street. The park is close to the railway station, and has frequently been visited by excursionists from Sydney. The population of the town is probably not more than 1300, or about one-third of the population of the district. The luxuriance in trees gives the town a refreshing English appearance. It is risky to prophesy, but if in the generations to come Richmond becomes a large city, it will resemble such English centres as Worcester or Taunton. These two places are not conspicuously industrial; they each have well-to-do outlying districts, and though certain manufactures are carried on, they are not smoke-blackened, essentially working cities, like Sheffield, Birmingham, Leeds, Bradford, and others. The destiny of Richmond would then appear to be the medium between the big busy city and the rural town, which clings to the characteristics of a village. Its trees, like those of Bendigo, in Victoria, will always give it that reposeful, quiet beauty that we have referred to as being noticeable in Worcester, the "Faithful City"—the faithfulness, of course, being to the Stuarts. The oaks, poplars, pines, and fruit trees of Richmond throw a delightful shade, and with the river only half a mile from the centre of the town, the Hawkesbury native who is settled in the little town has advantages that come only in the dreams of people settled in the dry parts of the State. In the main street is the old Black Horse Inn. Much is conjured up in the minds of the Hawkesbury native as he looks at this old hostelry. It claims to be the oldest continuously licensed house in all Australia. It was built about the year 1817, and in the "old days" was the fashionable honeymooning hotel for Sydney people. Many a prancing pair of horses, with dust and foam on their hides, has been pulled up in front of the Black Horse to allow a Sydney gallant to alight and tender a helping hand to his newly-wedded wife. Some of the visitors to the hotel in those times, when men now silver-haired were flushed with youth, nervous with ambition, athletic and glowing, have names that will always be familiar to students of the pioneer history of Australia. In the musty register we find the names, among others, of James Comrie, S. Lassetter, H. P. Abbott, H. C. Dangar, Iceley, Marks, G. R. Dibbs, C. Cowper, M. H. Stephen, and Mort. It is not suggested that all these gentlemen, some, alas! passed away, all went to the Black Horse a-honeymooning, but it is safe to say that some of them did, for the Black Horse, even as Richmond itself, will always be associated with the romance of many of the early settlers and business people of Sydney. There to-day is the hotel, as bright and comfortable looking as ever, half concealed with old creepers, and shaded by venerable wide-spreading trees. The hotel was built just about half a century before the railway was extended to the town, the latter achievement being in 1864. Colonel Guest, who lives near the river, has a great fund of reminiscence and inherited knowledge of the town. His father was a valued townsman, and the colonel himself has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of his native place. He relates the story of the "Half-crown Farm," which was bought by an old lady for some hundreds—not much under a thousand pounds—and she paid over the whole amount in half-crowns which she had saved. There are three banks in Richmond now, but in the early days most men and women were bankers unto themselves. The unique history of the Black Horse recalled to the colonel's mind a narrative told by his father of weddings of the old days. A wedding then was not only a fitting vision of fascinatingly-dressed women, a few words from a clergyman, a simmer of excitement along the aisle of a church, a shower of confetti, and away like the wind! The old-fashioned Hawkesbury wedding lasted a solid week, and there was feasting, dancing, and jubilation in open-hearted rustic fashion. "My father told me of one wedding," said the colonel, "which they kept up day after day for a week until they had nothing left to eat but salt junk, and then they adjourned." Richmond is not like that to-day. It is eminently prosaic, and its weddings are solemnised in approved civic style in the Episcopal, the Roman Catholic, the Presbyterian, or Methodist churches. And to show its broadmindedness it has its Presbyterian manse side by side with the Roman Catholic Church.

"SUNNYSIDE."

Is there a Sydney artist who has not heard of "Sunnyside?" This typical Australian homestead is not more than 100 yards from the site of the bridge about to be built. Mr. George Pitt, one of the old family of that name, is Lord Bountiful of the riverside. No Hawkesbury native but has heard of the late George Matcham Pitt, whose name rings as familiarly as the names of the Coxes, of far-famed Hobartville, the Bowmans, the Bells, the Towns, and the Rouses. George Pitt of to-day is sturdy, good-hearted, and of artistic tastes. He is only too glad when Sunnyside is visited by artists. "It is the home of the artists," he says. Forty years ago he had Campbell, a Scotch portrait painter, at the homestead, and there is no mistaking the quality of his work. In these later years

Streeton, Lister, Fred. Leist, Fullwood, and most of the fraternity of the palette and brush have at some time or other found in Sunnyside a home. Mr. Pitt in his generosity does not forget the younger artists, and while Streeton has a delightful landscape on the wall, and Fullwood has one of his more impressionistic efforts there also, the laird does not pay more homage to these mature artists than he does to aspiring youngsters who haunt the Art Society's shows dreaming of fame. Art is not the only delight. There is the garden; but above all, there is reminiscence. Mr. Pitt speaks of the time when the Hawkesbury was a wheat-growing country. Up to 1857 wheat was abundant. "The 1857 flood changed all that," said Mr. Pitt. "That was the time the Dunbar was wrecked. The flood brought us our troubles. We have never been able to grow wheat since owing to rust. The orange trees about here used to be magnificent. You don't see them now. They were attacked by disease, a bark rot, between wind and water—that is, close to the ground. I've my own idea, too, about a good deal of this disease in the crops. There's been too much of so-called scientific experimenting, grafting and re-grafting, and so on." Mr. Pitt tells some strange stories of bushranging between Parramatta and Richmond. While, however, the district has been compelled to turn its attention from wheat to maize, it must not be imagined that the glory of the Hawkesbury for productiveness has departed. It is still a granary of the State, and upon the Kurrajong some of the finest fruit that gets to Sydney is grown. The amount of traffic that will pass over the new bridge when constructed will be enormous. Richmond is a terminus, and from the Kurrajong come by road vast quantities of fruit, bound for the railway, thence to the metropolis. Lately attention has been devoted to the growing of tomatoes and strawberries between the trees. The great show-place of the district is the Agricultural College, which the "Herald" lately described.

MR. G. H. REID.

Among the old residents of Richmond, the one who probably knows more of the old times than any other is Mr. Samuel Boughton, who lives across the river near the Charley mansion. He has stone tomahawks that belonged to the aborigines, and he has discovered where they were cut from the rock. Like Mr. Pitt, he well recollects the time when it cost 2s 6d to drive a buggy and horse across the river. A company built the bridge that the new structure is to replace, and there was a toll of 6d per wheel and 6d per horse. It was expensive to go from the Kurrajong to Richmond in those days, and even when the Government bought the bridge the reduction was only gradual. Mr. Boughton was secretary of the local cricket club 30 or 40 years ago, and he remembers a youth named G. H. Reid frequently going to the town with the old Sydney Warwicks to play. The youth was not a particularly fine cricketer, but he was good enough, and was enthusiastic, and, says Mr. Boughton, "when it came to dinner-time and to speechifying, the young man had a ready tongue." But, alas, on one occasion travelling from Sydney young Reid fell asleep in the train. He was alone, his fellow players having gone earlier. He awoke at Penrith, but, nothing daunted, walked across to Richmond and took part in the match. Mr. Reid occasionally still goes to sleep at unexpected times. It is a pity that he cannot take part in the function by the river to-day. For one day, at least, the town will be aroused. Its normal state is sleepiness, and the one excitement of its people is to stroll to the station at 7.30 p.m. to see the Sydney train arrive. It is a peaceful, pretty town, slow to progress, but solid, and with few poor people.

CASUALTIES.

DROWNED IN IRON COVE.

The water police succeeded yesterday afternoon in recovering the body of a boy named Noble Story, who was drowned on Tuesday whilst bathing in Iron Cove, near Leichhardt Park. An inquest will be held to-day.

FOUND DROWNED.

The body of a man which was seen floating off Blue's Point yesterday morning was recovered by the North Sydney and water police, and conveyed to the morgue, where subsequently it was identified as that of A. E. Trent, who for the past six months had been boarding at No. 67 Regent-street, city, and who was last seen alive by the people of the house on the 9th inst. An inquest on the body will be held to-day.

FATALLY INJURED AT A FOOTRACE.

TAMWORTH, Tuesday.

Henry Paterson died at the Tamworth Hospital this morning from the result of injuries received at Dungowan on January 2 through falling on his head during a footrace with another man.

SERIOUS MINING ACCIDENT.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

A serious accident occurred yesterday to Charles Thompson, a young married man, who was working underground at the Hector Mine, Rockhampton. A bucket containing tools was being sent up, when it got caught, and Thompson, in attempting to free it, overbalanced, and fell 70ft to the botom of the shaft. He was picked up in an unconscious state, and conveyed to the hospital in a dying condition. His skull was fractured, and it is supposed that he was hurt internally.

KILLED BY A FALL OF EARTH.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A miner named James Geddes, aged 54, was killed at Ballarat yesterday afternoon by a fall of earth. He was taking out alluvial from a water-worn gully, in which a bank 6ft high had been left, when a mass of earth came away, burying him. He died soon after being extricated.

DEATH FROM CHARCOAL FUMES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The body of Gerald Cranny, aged 26, a clerk, was found yesterday afternoon in a vacant house at Richmond. The body was lying in a back room, and there was a pan of partly burned charcoal. The chinks of the door and the ventilators had been stuffed with pieces of paper to exclude the air. Death was due to suffocation.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Martin Abrahamson, a miner employed at the Long Tunnel mine, Walhalla, was killed to-day through his head being crushed by a skip which was being hauled up a shaft.

Yesterday afternoon a woman jumped from Watson's Bay pier into the water. The woman was at the time fully dressed, and but for the timely assistance of two fishermen she would probably have been drowned.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

CAMPBELLTOWN.—The aldermen who retire in February are:—Campbelltown: Fred. Moore, N. Doyle, and S. Bursill. Ingleburn: P. Scanlen, J. Hansen.

GUNDAGAI.—The retiring aldermen are: E. Marshall, J. Morley, and J. R. Engelen.

MOLONG.—The Mayor (Mr. John Black), and Aldermen Kinna and Bennett retire, but intend to seek re-election.

NOWRA.—The retiring aldermen are:—Nowra: Central ward, W. Westbrook; north ward, D. Hyam; south ward, J. Crawford. South Shoalhaven: H. M'Kenzie, Jas. Davis, J. J. Emery.

PICTON.—The retiring aldermen for the coming municipal election are: Messrs. John Wright, M'Quiggin, Geo. Wm. Sell, and Adolphus Graham.

THE WEATHER.

Refreshing showers passed over the western and southern highlands, and along the coastline, during the early hours of yesterday morning. Generally speaking, the falls were light in character, very few stations receiving upwards of half an inch. A southerly burster reached Sydney at 1.40 a.m. yesterday, and attained a velocity of 23 miles an hour. Throughout the day unsettled conditions continued over parts of the highlands and along the seaboard. There was a heavy fall at Carcoar, where nearly 1½in was registered. Late last night rain was falling along the coast south of Barranjoey, and southerly winds ruled. A light shower passed over the city last evening, but only one point of rain was measured at the Observatory. More showers are expected to-day.

RAIN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

GREAT EXTENT OF COUNTRY FLOODED.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The mail from Birdsville, due last Saturday, arrived at Hergott last night. The mailman reported the following rainfall:—Mungeranie, 2in; Mirra Mitta, 3in; Mount Gason, 3in; Goyder's Lagoon, 7in; Clifton Hills, 5in; Birdsville, 4in; Bluff, 3in; Annandale, 3in. The country is flooded from Goyder's Lagoon to Birdsville. Evidently heavy rains have fallen inward from Birdsville, for although this mail left Birdsville four days late, the only mail in was from Annandale. The driver on the up trip was obliged to leave the coach at Goyder's Lagoon and convey the mails from Birdsville by pack horses.

CARCOAR.—A very heavy thunderstorm occurred about 5.30 p.m. to-day, lasting for an hour, and registering 140 points. For about 20 minutes the rain and hail simply poured down, the streets running bankers. At Lyndhurst the storm was much heavier, houses on the low-lying ground being flooded out. The ground was covered to a depth of 2ft.

LITHGOW.—276 points of rain were registered here on Wednesday morning, the greater portion of this being the result of an exceptionally heavy storm of thunder, lightning, and rain, which occurred between 9 and 10 o'clock on Tuesday night. The overflow from the streets entered several shops and dwellings, damaging goods, furniture, etc., and leaving a deposit of silt and debris. One of the mills at the ironworks was prevented starting on Wednesday morning, owing to damage caused by the storm, which was the heaviest known here for many years.

WALLERAWANG.—A very heavy thunderstorm passed over here last night, 140 points being registered. The creeks and low lands were flooded. Great damage was done to the crops, which had been cut and were lying in the fields, one farmer losing about 20 tons.

STATE POLITICS.

THE RYDE ELECTION.

The candidates for Ryde put in a good day's work yesterday. Mr. Henley, the Liberal and Reform candidate, had a meeting of friends in the evening, and a strong committee was formed to push his candidature. To-night he will fairly launch his campaign, as he intends addressing a meeting at Drummoyne. There is so far no talk of either the Government or the Labour party assailing the seat, but nominations do not close till to-morrow, and therefore if either party decides at the eleventh hour to make an aggressive move they could do it. But it is believed to be impossible for the Labour party to win such a seat, and as for the Government it appears to have accurately gauged the feeling of the general body of electors, which it recognises is directly antagonistic to it. Next week will be a busy one in the electorate, as the whole Reform party will exert itself in the interests of the Reform candidate, so that the electors will be roused to the necessity of voting in order to prevent an accident at the poll. Mr. Henley's friends and supporters must also bear in mind that whilst the ballot and other preliminaries among reformers have delayed work on behalf of his candidature, his adversary has been pushing on all the time. Thus there is some leeway to be made good in the next nine days. Nevertheless, Mr. Henley's candidature is regarded as certain of success, even though past experience has taught that when such a feeling prevails at a by-election there is a danger. For that reason, and also because the Reform party, jubilant with recent successes, wants to pile up the vote against the Government right through the State, it is intended to conduct the campaign just as if there were dangerous opposition. Mr. Terry, on his part, believes he has restored himself in local favour, and that he can poll as large or a larger number of votes than he did in 1898, when he was elected. He then got 919 votes. At the last election he secured only 604 votes, and Mr. Henley, who was second on the poll, got 684. The closeness of the two sets of figures can afford no indication now of the relative prospects of the two men, because in 1901 Mr. Farnell polled 1039 votes, and it was then regarded as certain that while Mr. Terry scored every vote that he could possibly have commanded, Mr. Farnell cut almost wholly into Mr. Henley's support. Furthermore, the political situation is now changed, and the issue is for or against a discredited Government, and the Reform party regards Ryde as a Reform seat.

THE PREMIER'S CONCILIATORY MOOD.

At the municipal banquet at the Randwick Town Hall on Tuesday night the Premier (Sir John See) said it was the easiest thing in the world for a man who did not know to find fault with the man who was doing a thing. He tried to do his best for the people at large, and not for any portion of them. Whilst his political opponents had found fault with what he had done, if placed in the same position, he asked, what would they have done? Through Divine providence—for which he had the greatest reverence—things were what they were. Now they had the prospect of a good harvest they looked forward to a much better time all round. From the bottom of his heart, he said, whatever he had done was done with a sincere desire to better the people of the State, whom he loved. And if he should leave office to-morrow he would have no regrets; but a feeling of satisfaction that he had stood by the people in their distress and was deserving of their thanks. The conditions of the environment prevented him from doing all that he would like, but the doing right in the eyes of some people would be doing wrong in the minds of others. Concluding, Sir John said, he did not know a man that he would walk a yard to do an injury, but he would walk 20 or 200 yards to assist.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Camden branch of the People's Reform League was held on Tuesday. Mr. J. M. Onslow was elected president; Mr. H. O. Bensley, secretary; and Mr. S. Proctor, treasurer.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Wednesday.

Mr. John E. Moore announces that he will contest the Camden seat at the next general election in the interests of freetrade and reform.

PARKES, Wednesday.

Mr. Arthur Rae addressed a public meeting in support of the Labour party from Blamey's Hotel balcony last night. He suggested a coalition of the Government and the Opposition, the Labour party to form the Opposition.

THE SCIENCE CONGRESS.

PROTECTION FROM ANTHRAX.

A STARTLING DISCOVERY.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

At the Science Congress to-day Mr. Gilruth, the Chief Government Veterinarian, read a paper on a method of rendering infectious virulent cultures of anthrax innocuous and the consequent production of immunity. He disclosed an important discovery as the result of experiments. Mr. Gilruth, when studying bubonic plague, had mixed cultures of plague bacilli and other organisms, and used this on animals. Remarkable as was the result it did not lead him to expect the startling results in opposite directions achieved when similar experiments were conducted with virulent anthrax. The conclusion arrived at is that by the injection of certain cultures animals can be rendered immune from anthrax.

Mr. Stewart, Government Veterinary Surgeon of New South Wales, spoke of the practical application of the information gained by Mr. Gilruth's experiments as a method of protection against anthrax. He considered the results of great scientific value.

A number of successful demonstrations were made. Mr. Gilruth gave a demonstration that the innoculation of a rabbit with the bacillus gaertner plus a culture of anthrax rendered the animal immune. The bacillus gaertner is the organism that causes enteric fever, and was obtained from the Netley Military Hospital.

CITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS.

THE GARBAGE DESTRUCTOR.

The Lord Mayor (Alderman S. E. Lees), Alderman R. D. Meagher (vice-chairman), and several members of the health committee of the City Council, accompanied by the town clerk (Mr. T. H. Nesbitt), the city surveyor (Mr. Gordon), and Mr. Layton (chief clerk), yesterday afternoon paid a visit of inspection to the garbage destructor at Moore Park, in connection with the proposal to erect six additional cells. During the visit the aldermen also inspected the newly-erected septic tank and disinfecting and lethal chambers. Several desired improvements were also noted. It was decided to communicate with the Mayors of Leichhardt and Annandale for the purpose of ascertaining a date on which the committee could view the Meldrum Simplex destructor, under the joint control of those municipalities, in full working order.

THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

Yesterday afternoon a visit was paid to the Zoological Gardens by several members of the City Council in connection with a request from the society for a little assistance from the council in puddling portion of the dam in the centre of the gardens, with the object of making it water-tight. The dam has given out since the Water and Sewerage Board has cut off the supply of water, and a large number of water-fowl have had to be otherwise temporarily provided for. At a recent meeting of the council it was decided to call for a report from the proper officer in reference to the work. The society is anxious to make some necessary alterations at the gardens, and a requisition is being made to the council for a little assistance to enable the proposed work to be carried out.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

HOTEL, CLUB, AND CATERERS' EMPLOYEES.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing term in connection with the Hotel, Club, Restaurant, and Caterers' Employees' Union:—President, Mr. F. R. Simmonds; vice-presidents, Messrs. Th. Shaw, R. Allen; treasurer, Mr. J. J. Cripps (re-elected); secretary, Mr. H. Dierks (re-elected); committee, Messrs. F. T. Anseline, E. Gruser, J. Harkness, R. Hughes, H. Stewart, G. P. Watkins; delegates to the Sydney Labour Council, Messrs. Hyde, Phillips, Dierks; delegates to the Political Labour League's conference, Messrs. Hyde, Dierks, and Chandos.

THE POPE'S APARTMENT IN THE VATICAN.

Notwithstanding all that has been said, I am in a position to affirm (a Rome correspondent telegraphed last month) that Pius X. has not yet taken possession of his own apartment. The restoration and decoration of this apartment should have been finished some time ago, but during the week, when the old and original wall was uncovered, it was found to contain rather serious cracks, which necessitated much more radical and important attention than had been contemplated. As can very easily be seen from the Piazza of St. Peter, the Apostolic Palace shows several cracks, mended not so long ago, and it is probable that the filling-in of many of the windows, or in some cases the making of them smaller with solid masonry and the putting of iron bars, was to strengthen the walls. Certainly the weight they have to support is enormous, while the foundations cannot be very great, in proportion to the immense height of the edifice. There is no danger whatever, but the cracks in the Pope's rooms have required time to repair them so that they may not widen, and be a source of danger to the palace. The part to be occupied by the Pontiff is the most modern of the Vatican, and contains no masterpiece of painting or sculpture. Under Leo XIII. every care was taken to guarantee the safety of the riches under his care, so that he would have none in his rooms, for fear of accident to them, and it would appear that Pius X. is going to follow his example.

NEWCASTLE.

DEATH OF A WOMAN.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The District Coroner (Mr. Hibble) resumed the inquest to-day regarding the death of a married woman named Agnes Marsden, wife of William Marsden, licensee of the Royal Exchange Hotel, Hunter-street, Newcastle, which occurred on Saturday, 9th inst. Sub-inspector Goulder conducted the examination of witnesses. Mr. W. A. Reid represented the relatives of deceased, and Mr. Payne (Messrs. Sparke and Millard) appeared on behalf of Mary Ann Wood, a married woman, who was present in her own interests.

Senior-constable Quayle, stationed at Carrington, said he knew the deceased. He removed the body to the morgue on Sunday last, and was present at the post mortem. One of the organs of the body was placed in a bottle and handed to him. He now produced it.

Dr. John Harris (Government Medical Officer) said that on Wednesday, 6th inst, he saw deceased at the Royal Exchange Hotel in consultation with Dr. Treloar. She was then suffering from blood poisoning, and appeared to have lost a great quantity of blood. He agreed with Dr. Treloar's treatment. He did not see Mrs. Marsden again alive. On Sunday at 3 p.m. he made a post-mortem examination of the body, assisted by Dr. Spark, and in the presence of Dr. Treloar. The body was poorly nourished and anaemic, all the organs being in the same condition. Witness described the appearance of one organ in particular. He found a punctured wound penetrating upward and forward as if some instrument had been partially withdrawn and reinserted. The perforation had been produced by something which had left a metallic oxide stain leading to the belief that it had been caused by a piece of wire or skewer, certainly not by a plated instrument. The wound was apparently seven weeks old. In witness's opinion the cause of death was blood poisoning arising from a certain event which, in his opinion, had been artificially procured. It would have been impossible for medical skill to discover the perforations before death. As a matter of fact the wound in this case was innocuous. The cause of blood poisoning was the result of after infection, which, together with the great amount of continued bleeding, caused the fatal termination. The perforation, however, demonstrated that an event had occurred artificially. It was possible for the deceased to have inflicted the wound herself, but highly improbable.

Dr. Treloar, practising at Wickham, said that on December 28 he was called to attend deceased, who was living at the Royal Exchange Hotel, Newcastle. He found her in bed almost bloodless, and suffering from blood poisoning. On inquiry of the patient he was told that something had happened five or six weeks previously. Witness pointed out to her the serious condition she was in, and said that a speedy operation was necessary to save her life. To this she readily consented. On the following afternoon Dr. Nickson administered chloroform, and witness removed the cause of the poisoning. For a few days she improved and then relapsed. On January 6, at his suggestion, Dr. Harris was called in for consultation, the result of the deliberation being that the case was hopeless. The cause of death, in his opinion, was blood poisoning resulting from a certain event. Witness did not ask the patient how it had occurred, because in the first place in these cases a medical man rarely got the truth, and in the second the line of treatment did not differ whether the case was naturally or criminally produced. He had a natural suspicion owing to the length of time that elapsed before he was called in, but there was nothing to justify him communicating a suspicion to the police. He never acted on suspicion unless he could substantiate it.

Dr. Spark gave corroborative evidence of the result of the post mortem.

Janet Kerr, a married woman, residing at Stockton, and sister of the deceased, said that six or seven weeks ago deceased told her she was in a certain condition, and seemed distressed about it. She said she would go to Mrs Wood's, at Carrington. Witness advised her not to go, but deceased said Mrs. Wood had never had a bad case, and she thought she would go. Witness again entreated her not to carry out her intention, and deceased asked witness not to mention the conversation to her (deceased's) husband. A few days afterwards witness again saw her sister, who said she had been to Mrs. Wood and described what had happened. Shortly afterwards deceased took to her bed. Witness was sent for and advised calling in a doctor, but deceased would not let her. This was about six weeks ago. Witness saw Mrs. Wood in the bedroom two or three times looking after the deceased. Deceased told witness she had had a mishap. After the operation performed by Dr. Treloar on December 29 deceased said that if Mrs. Wood came not to let her in the bedroom. Deceased told witness she had given Mrs. Wood £3, and that she would never put her away. Witness understood Mrs. Wood was a midwife. Deceased improved one day, but relapsed the next. Witness saw her about twice a week, and eventually told deceased's husband to send for a doctor. Witness had heard that Mrs. Wood obtained her living as a washerwoman, and had done laundry work for her sister.

At this stage the inquest was adjourned until Friday morning.

COLLIERY STRIKES.

DISREGARD OF AN AWARD.

MINERS REFUSE TO RECOGNISE IT.

The dissatisfaction reported yesterday at the Northern Extended Colliery in regard to the hewing rate fixed by the Arbitration Court to come into operation on the 1st instant according to a scale based on the average selling price of the coal for the previous six months spread to the Rhondda and Northumberland collieries to-day, all three pits being idle. As already stated, the award of the Arbitration Court was made applicable jointly to Rhondda and the Northern Extended collieries, and before the award of the Court was made the miners at the Northumberland entered into an agreement with the proprietors to be bound by it also.

The Northern Extended miners again refused to work this morning under the terms of the award, on the ground that the hewing rate of 1s 9d for coal weighed in the gross automatically fixed by the average selling price of the coal certified to by the accountant was too low, their demand being for 2s 3½d per ton. It is reported that last evening the Rhondda and Northern Extended miners held a combined meeting, but came to no decision. This morning, however, the Rhondda men, who had been working regularly since the beginning of the year, sent a deputation to Mr. Barr, the manager, with an unsigned letter stating that they would not accept the hewing rate of 1s 9d. They wanted 2s 3½d per ton. The manager said that if the letter were signed by the men individually, or by the chairman and secretary of the lodge and impressed with the lodge stamp, he would receive it. The deputation retired with the letter, and returned with it signed by the chairman and secretary with the lodge stamp. Mr. Barr refused the request, and the men would not go to work.

Northumberland was idle to-day from the same cause.

There are, therefore, a group of five collieries in the Teralba district at present idle, namely, Northumberland, Northern Extended, Rhondda, Pacific, and Cardiff. The two lastnamed have not worked since the beginning of the year, and the miners there claim a lock-out. At the Pacific colliery the miners claim that the Rhondda and Northern Extended prices cannot be applied to them without the owners of the Pacific colliery having first obtained the order of the Arbitration Court. The Pacific colliery, they contend, was not a party to the arbitration proceedings, and must pay according to the district reduction of 4d, or an equivalent thereof, which they hold is 3d per ton on the gross filling. They were paid last year 2s 6½d per ton, and are prepared to resume work at 2s 3½d per ton, but not at 1s 11d, as offered by the management. The position at Cardiff is somewhat similar. This group of collieries is not on the Borehole or Newcastle seam, but briefly it will be seen that the miners concerned claim payment on the basis of the Newcastle or what is known as the district price. In the case of three of the collieries, however, the action of the men is in direct contravention of the award of the Court, and there appears to be a determination not to abide by it.

Some of the Northern Extended and Rhondda miners were out at the Pacific colliery to-day, where a meeting was held. Mr. Curley, secretary of the Colliery Employees' Federation, is reported to have been present, and to have advised the men to go to work, but they have not done so. It is understood that the Arbitration Court is to be moved to impose the penalty prescribed in the award for a breach of it, and that a meeting of the Northern District Colliery Proprietors' Industrial Union will be held in Sydney to-morrow to deal with the matter.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The steamer Nardoo cleared at the Customs to-day for Port Pirie, via Wallaroo, with 4000 tons of coal, 25 casks of tar, and 22 cases biscuits; the barque Brodick Castle, for Iquique, with 2653 tons of Lambton coal; the steamer Easby, for Melbourne, with 1870 tons of coal; the barquentine Kate Tatham, for Napier, with 380 tons of coal; the steamer Lady Mildred, for Adelaide, with 3500 tons of coal; and the steamer Sellasia, for Cape Verde, via Sydney, with 850 tons of bunker coal.

RESULT OF A CASUAL REMARK.

At the Police Court to-day William Osborne, aged 33, labourer, was charged with having at Newcastle on January 7 inflicted grievous bodily harm on Robert Anderson. It appeared that the prosecutor and accused were drinking in the bar of a city hotel, when the former told the latter he was no sailor, whereupon the accused picked up a beer glass and struck the prosecutor on his left eye. Both eyelids were cut through and the damaged eye had to be removed. The accused was committed for trial.

ADULTERATED MILK.

Thomas Curley, sanitary inspector to the Hamilton Municipality, proceeded in the Summons Court to-day against five milk vendors for supplying milk adulterated with added water. Samples which were taken from the defendants' carts on the mornings of November 26 and December 10 were submitted to analysis. The result showed the following percentages of added water:—Charles Crowe, 9·5 per cent.; William Hughes, 9·5; Thomas Petersen, 23 per cent.; Fanny Davies, 15 per cent.; and C. Norgard, 7 per cent. Each of the five defendants was fined £2, with £2 9s 9d costs, in default one month. Mr. W. Sparke appeared for the prosecution.

FIRE AT THE WALLAROO MINE.

MINERS' NARROW ESCAPE.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

A fire broke out in Taylor's shift of the Wallaroo copper mine this afternoon. A gig-load of men from the afternoon shift were on the way up, when smoke was seen issuing from the shaft, and they had only just time to get out of the gig before the rope broke. The poppet heads soon caught fire, and when it was seen that it was impossible to save them they were hauled down after much difficulty by the company's engine in order to save the engine-house. The fire, which is believed to have originated at about the 10-fathom level, is still burning, and as the timber is dry and greasy it is feared that it will spread at least down to the 125-fathom level.

The extent of the damage cannot yet be estimated, but it is generally considered that three months will elapse before things are fully restored, and a number of men will be out of work.

THE REV. J. A. DOWIE.

DEFENCE BY HIS SON.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Amongst the passengers on the Moldavia this morning were Mrs. James Dowie, wife of the Rev. J. A. Dowie, and her son, Dr. A. J. Gladstone Dowie. In the course of an interview Dr. Dowie said they were on the way to Sydney, where we are to hold a series of meetings. Accusations had been made against them which had not the slightest foundation of truth. It was stated that they had absconded with the funds of Zion City. That was an absolute lie. They had no funds other than those which they needed to travel with. Then, again, some paper or other stated that his father had said that he was the son of an English duke. That statement no sane person would believe for a single moment. Zion City, although but a little over two years old, was in a flourishing condition.

SOUTH MAITLAND COALFIELDS.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on Tuesday a report of a committee appointed to inspect the water supply to the South Maitland coalfields was read. After dealing with a general inspection of the route of the pipe line, it stated that the committee returned to Kurri Kurri and witnessed the turning on of the water in the new pipe line to the centre of that township. The static pressure of the water was 60lb to the square inch, and a very satisfactory jet of water was thrown up a nozzle attached to a hydrant. The engineer pointed out that a considerable extent of the five miles of pipe line charged with water was under a pressure ranging from 60lb to 120lb per square inch, and so far, only four leaks necessitating repairs had been found. These were due to defects in the pipes in each instance. The president pointed out to the committee that the work of laying the pipes to Kurri Kurri had been carried out with the least avoidable delay. The first material was ordered on August 10 last, and pipe-laying was started on September 16 following. Seven and a half miles of water pipes, principally 8in and 6in, were laid up to the 23rd ultimo, on which date the pipes were charged to the boundary of Kurri Kurri, and, as they had that day seen, the water had now reached the centre of the township. The whole of the pipes for the above were cast in Sydney, and forwarded with commendable regularity since the date of the placing of the first order in August last. The comittee were well pleased with the work done, and are satisfied that the engineer has lost no time in carrying out this important extension.

BURGLARY IN THE COUNTRY.

COROWA, Wednesday.

The premises of Messrs. Sammons, Edwards, and Co., produce merchants and carrying agents, were burglariously entered last night, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to carry away the safe. On going to the stores at 8 o'clock this morning Mr. Sammons found the office door open and the safe lying across a hand truck jammed in the doorway leading to the main store, the back door of which was open. Harness had been removed from its peg and placed ready for a lorry, which the burglars evidently intended to use to convey the safe away. Several drawers in the office had been ransacked, one containing a few shillings in silver having been overlooked. An entrance had been made by forcing open the office door with a blunt instrument. The work appears to have been that of old hands.

MILITARY.

The following members of the Corps of Engineers received long service medals on Saturday:—Lieutenant A. A. Dircks, Company Quartermaster-sergeant R. C. Wills, and Sergeant-major Gemell.

Brigadier-General Finn will hold an inspection of the Australian Army Service Corps at the Victoria Barracks, Paddington, on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m. The G.O.C. will be accompanied by Colonel H. D. Mackenzie, A.A.G. (chief staff officer), and the D.A.Q.M.G.

An instructional parade took place at the Centennial Park yesterday morning, which was attended by the headquarters staff and most of the mounted officers of the metropolitan regiments. The parade was under the personal supervision of Brigadier-General Finn.

R.M.S. MOLDAVIA.

ARRIVAL AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Moldavia arrived at 7.40 a.m., and will sail at 6 p.m. Passengers:—

For Fremantle: Mr. A. T. Owen.

For Adelaide: Messrs. Birks, M. C. Barresmith, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Norman, junr., Miss Norman.

For Melbourne: Lord and Lady Northcote, valet and maid, Lady Knowles and maid, Captain Greville and valet, Captain Stephens, Mr. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Grubb, Miss Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Caggin.

For Sydney: Miss Lyons, Misses Thomson (2), J. P. G. Pockley, E. W. Kirkby, Mr. and Miss Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Tullope Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs and two children, Miss M'Dougall, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Kirk, Miss Pritchard, Mr., Mrs., and Miss L. Owen, Captain Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Stack, Mr. V. Stack, Miss Stack, Mrs. M'Lean and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Leitch, Mr. and Mrs. Johns, Mr. R. Johnstone, Master Samuelson, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, Mr. R. C. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Dowie, Miss J. K. Stern, Mr. Trelawny, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. and Miss V. Kirk and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Lovett, Mr. F. H. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. C. Barrat, Mr. F. Andrews, Miss M. Andrews, Mr. A. J. Troup, Mr. R. Measures.

For Launceston: Mrs. James, Miss Beaumont, Captain Morris.

For Hobart: Miss Davies.

For Auckland: Messrs. R. H. Ainslie, A. R. C. Pickings, H. B. Watson.

For Wellington: Mr. and Mrs. Miles.

There are 72 passengers in the second class.

A PARIS LITERARY SENSATION.

There is more than a slight buzz in the Paris literary beehive (says the "Mirror's" correspondent), for a well-known literary review has published, and practically established, that "Francillon," the celebrated comedy, bearing the name of Alexandre Dumas Fils, and which, produced in January, 1887, at the Theatre Français, took a first place immediately among the efforts of French genius, was written almost entirely by a Monsieur A. Chirac. Dumas, it is said, bought the MS. from a dramatic agent. Here is the story:—

M. Chirac was for a long time an amateur in literature. He was a wealthy banker, and wrote for his own amusement. Then one day financial misfortune came upon him, and it occurred to him that he might make money by his pen. He was very much in want of ready cash, and jumped at the offer made to him by a friend, an agent for the translation of plays and their sale abroad, to buy up a whole bundle of his MSS., paying him £60. The deal occurred on October 9, 1885, and "Francillon," which contains large slices of "Le Talion," one of the plays in M. Chirac's parcel, made its success just two years later.

M. Chirac is still alive, and he has kept a copy of "Le Talion," which is to be published shortly. The expose has made M. Chirac the man of the moment in Paris, and theatrical managers are besieging him with commissions to write plays for them.

THE CURE OF CONSUMPTION.

Dr. Marmorek, who recently resigned his professorship at the Pasteur Institute, recently read a communication to the Academy of Medicine on the anti-tuberculosis serum which he claims to have discovered. The doctor pointed out that this was the first time that an attempt had been made to cure a chronic disease by serum. His method consists in vaccinating horses with a special culture of tuberculous bacilli, by which, he says, they are ensured against the disease. He thus obtains a serum with which he claims to have successfully treated both animals and men. He claimed that the experiments which had been in progress for more than a year proved his serum to be able to effect a distinct improvement even in advanced stages of tuberculosis, and that several cures had been accomplished in cases of not so long a standing. The fluid was quite inoffensive, local abscesses being observed in only three out of two thousand injections.

Dr. Marmorek expressed his conviction that after his serum had been thoroughly tested by medical men in all countries its value as a cure for tuberculosis would be admitted, and stated that he had sent in his resignation as leading chemist at the Pasteur Institute in order to take up the sole scientific and moral responsibility for his discovery.—"Westminster Gazette."

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CHARITY AND ART.

MUNIFICENT BEQUEST.

BY THE LATE MR. ALFRED FELTON.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The late Mr. Alfred Felton left an estate valued at between £450,000 and £500,000. By far the greatest part of it, in fact, almost the whole, has been left for the purpose of assisting charitable institutions and for encouraging and fostering the love of art. Roughly speaking, the legacies bequeathed by Mr. Felton amount to £50,000, and it will take about £150,000 to satisfy the annuities. The whole of the residue, which will be increased from time to time as the annuities fall in and the sum set aside to meet them reverts to the executor, will be held in perpetuity, and the income derived from it will be equally divided into two portions, one-half to be devoted to charitable purposes, and the other half to the purchase of works and objects of artistic and educational value, which will be calculated to raise and improve the public taste. To exercise these powers and to determine the allocation of the income a committee is to be appointed, consisting of one director of the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company, Limited, one of the trustees of the Public Library and the National Gallery, Mr. Grimwade, M.L.C., and after him his two sons, Professor Morris (since deceased) and Dr. Charles Bage. Provision is made for filling vacancies on the committee. So far as charitable bequests are concerned, the testator leaves it to the absolute discretion of the committee how they are to be made, but he indicated the hope that in the application of the income they would in the first place favourably consider charities for children, as for instance the children's hospitals and orphanages, in the second place women's hospitals, and in the third place such institutions or societies as general hospitals and societies for the relief of educated poor. Deceased has also given the trustees of the National Gallery the right to select such pictures and works of art from his collection as they may desire.

BATHURST DISTRICT ODDFELLOWS.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of officers and delegates of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Bathurst district, was held to-day at the Oddfellows' Hall. District Master W. J. Crane presided. Delegates were in attendance from Bathurst, Lithgow, Broken Hill, Wrightville, Orange, Narromine, and Cargo. The district officers' report stated that the total worth of funds amounted to £2335. Three new lodges had been opened, and there were now 12 branches, including one female branch.

S.S. CHINGTU AT THURSDAY ISLAND.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Wednesday.

The C.N. Company's, Ltd., steamer Chingtu arrived to-day from Kobe, via ports, bringing the following passengers:—

For Sydney: Messrs. Witton, Glendenning, Stevens, Hall, Miss Leathwood, the Ada Delroy Company.

For Melbourne: Captain Robert Innes (the China Company's marine inspector), Mr. Macfarlane.

The Chingtu also brings 14 Chinese for all ports. The Chingtu took away from here 25 South Sea Islanders, who are returning to their homes.

RUSSIA'S EXTRAORDINARY SPY SYSTEM.

The Sofia correspondent of the Special News Agency, writing on November 30, says:—

Everyone is talking of "L'Affaire Weissmann." Weissmann was a Russian spy, who was compelled to leave Bulgaria because of a charge made against him of being involved in a plot to dethrone Prince Ferdinand. Two of the most widely circulated daily papers are giving their readers fac-simile reproductions of letters and other documents written by Weissmann. He came to Bulgaria in 1896 as a merchant, and made many acquaintances amongst politicians. He lived in rich style, and a year ago bought a house opposite that of the Turkish Minister, and not far from that of the Russian Minister. He spread reports that he was in the service of the Russian Government, and that the Tsar was his friend. It was generally understood that he was paid by the Asiatic Department of the Russian Government for the purpose of tracking Nihilists and Anarchists, and in addition to spy on the Russian Minister himself. Three weeks ago he left Bulgaria suddenly, and no one here knows his present whereabouts. His unexpected departure is atributed to the fact that he was requested by the Government to leave Bulgaria. After his disappearance both the "Vecherna Post" and the "Dnevnik" began to publish extracts from his diary and other documents. From these it appears that he had dealings with leading Bulgarians; that through them he was learning the intentions of the Government, which he communicated to the Asiatic Department of the Russian Government. From St. Petersburg he received sums of money which he was in the habit of distributing to various men in Bulgaria who supplied him with information. He even bribed the Post Office officials, it is said, and in this way obtained knowledge of many secrets. He had almost succeeded in forming a revolutionary movement with the object of overthrowing the reigning Prince—Ferdinand. He was able to use as his tools such men as the ex-Minister Daneff and Padeff. He published the "Sofia Gazette," which from the commencement has written against Prince Ferdinand, trying to set the people against him. It is not known how the "Post" secured Weissmann's diary, etc, but in any case the citizens are glad the man has left the country.

HELIGOLAND DISAPPEARING.

In 1890 the news that Great Britain had ceded to Germany the island of Heligoland—a British possession since 1807—in exchange for a port on the East Coast of Africa, Zanzibar, raised a storm of protest from the Opposition. As things are turning out, however, it would appear that Lord Salisbury's Government had decidedly the best of the bargain.

From recent reports it appears that Heligoland is rapidly disappearing into the ocean (says the "Pall Mall Gazette"), and unless something is done by the German Government to save it from the ever-encroaching waves it will eventually become nothing more substantial than history. The islet, round which one can walk in about two hours, is very sparsely populated, and is composed of red sandstone, upon which wind and weather are working their will in a most alarming manner. Between 1885 and 1887 no less than 22,000 square metres of the island were swallowed up by the ocean; the cliffs which surround it are dangerously undermined in places, and are constantly crumbling away under the influence of west winds. Experimental measures are now, however, being adopted with a view to preventing this loss.

The soft westerly winds to which the greater portion of the islet is exposed, exercise a peculiarly evil influence upon the soft sandstone cliffs, and in order to combat this the German Government caused a granite wall, some 70 yards long by eight yards high and seven yards thick, to be erected in the sea to protect the battery. Here the sea has eaten away the cliff within a few feet of the guns, and prompt action was necessary to prevent the breach extending beyond repair.

At a point near the extreme north of the islet an experiment was tried which proved futile. The caves formed by the action of the heavy storms have been plugged with clay, but all to very little purpose. In other places the sea has formed huge caves in the cliffs, and this undermining results in the fall of large masses of rock. However, the German Government is now thoroughly alive to the necessity of taking immediate action, and it is surmised that, as the wind and sea wall plan has in some degree stayed the process of destruction on the west side, it will be continued right round the island.

The cost of this erection is estimated at about £750,000, and many Germans are asking themselves whether Heligoland is worth preserving at such a price.

KING LEOPOLD'S EXPERIENCE.

King Leopold had an unusual experience when the Italian sovereigns were in Paris, states a Dalziel message from Paris. His call upon the Italian sovereigns was entirely unexpected, and the result was that his Majesty, who was in ordinary morning dress, and accompanied by only one gentleman-in-waiting, with whom he drove up in a hired brougham, had considerable difficulty in entering the closely guarded precincts of the temporary Royal palace at the Quai d'Orsay. On his first approach the sentries roughly ordered him away, and it was a long time before Baron Snoy, who was in attendance on King Leopold, could convince the guard of his Majesty's identity and bona fides. Eventually, after a close scrutiny of the visitors by the French and Italian detectives, an official of the protocol was sent for, who recognised the King and gave the necessary orders for his admission. King Leopold laughed heartily at the unsuccessful efforts of Baron Snoy to convince the military and police guard of his identity, and took the whole adventure very good-humouredly, merely remarking to the detectives, when he was at last allowed to go in, that he thought everybody knew him in Paris.

About two-fifths of the entire population of Malta are engaged in the long-established industry of lace-making. Silk is the chief material used, but of late years cotton has been much in demand. The art is handed down from family to family, and everyone of the beautiful designs is original in the island, for Malta copies from no one. All the productions are hand-made, as the people have a deeply-rooted aversion to labour-saving machinery of all kinds.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 13.

Victoria, s, 2969 tons, Captain W. Waller, from Wellington. Passengers—His Excellency Sir H. Chermside, Mesdames Mackie, M'Laren, Phillips, Blakeston, Page, John, Campbell, Hall, Mawley, Meadowcroft, Misses Rees, Meadowcroft, Carnell, Mills (2), Gray, Maconochie, Tait, Austin (2), Bronton, Page, Fancourt, Messrs. J. Quinn, Mackie, Wiffen, M'Laren, Berg, Musgrove, Brandon, M'Mahon, Cope, Reugrave, Phillips, Connor, A. de Lauret, J. Morris, A. Brack, W. Farland, J. M'Card, R. Ingram, John, Jackson, Carr, Archdeacon Fancourt, Campbell, Quinlan, Hall, Mawley (2), Morris, W. Spinks, Harvey, Nicholson, C. Allen, Coker, and 47 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

La Blanche, French bq., 1738 tons, Captain Le Poye, from Hiogo. Standard Oil Company, agents.

Airlie, s, 2357 tons, Captain Todd, from Newcastle. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain H. Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Ltd., agents.

City of Grafton, s, 825 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond and Clarence Rivers. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wollowra, s, 2631 tons, Captain William Knight, from Fremantle, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Passengers—53 in the saloon, and 40 in the second cabin. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Jan. 13.

Omrah, R.M.S., for London, via Hobart and ports.
Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, via Eden.
Moonta, s, for Fremantle, via ports.
Kadina, s, for Port Pirie, via Kembla.
Zealandia, s, for Auckland.
Victoria, s, for Newcastle.
Quathlamba, bq, for Auckland, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Jan. 14.

Pacifique, F.M.S., for Noumea and New Hebrides; Tangier, s, for Dunkirk and London, via Suez Canal; Airlie, s, for Singapore, via ports; Duroby, s, and Augusta, s, for Tweed River; Pyrmont, s, for Manning River; City of Grafton, s, for Richmond River; Bellinger, s, for Camden Haven; Newcastle and Hunter River Company's steamer for Newcastle; Erina, s, for Gosford and Brisbane Water; Coomonderry, s, and Murray, s, for Moruya.

CLEARANCES.—Jan. 13.

Zealandia, s, 2771 tons, Captain W. J. Wyllie, for Auckland. Passengers—Mesdames G. Wirth, J. Martin and two children, W. Pagel and child, A. Howard, J. Ragoul, Anson, Lock and three children, Alcorn, J. Struth, Kilgour, A. Y. Oastler, Blakeley, Ryan, Sisters of St. Joseph (7), Bourke, Alcorn, E. Raymond, F. E. Oastler, Adair, M. Garrett, Nurse Craig; Messrs. Brickhill, De Luca, C. Rogers, J. King, J. Ragoul, J. Struth; Master Ernie; Messrs. G. Wirth, E. J. Withycombe, T. Jeffery, J. Baynes, A. Cooper, W. H. Feldhmaine, Seccombe, A. L. Busby, Hyland, Jones, Johnston, Rev. Father Hayden, E. Spicer, C. Winstone, J. Howard, W. Carl, J. Hellier, C. Harbourne, G. Anderson, P. Hand, W. Toohey, Boffinger, G. Smith, P. M. Ryan, Dr. C. Hardcastle, S. Williams, A. Wright, H. Wright, A. Henson, H. H. Skinner, Edwards, Ryan, D. Love, Cowper, J. Martin, W. Pagel, A. Howard, Compton, J. W. Hendrick, G. Morgan; and 46 in the steerage.

Willyama, s, 2705 tons, Captain D. P. Davies, for Port Pirie and Wallaroo.

Quathlamba, bq, 467 tons, Captain R. A. Campbell, for Auckland, via Newcastle.

Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain M. Livingstone, for Launceston, via Eden.

Victoria, s, 2698 tons, Captain W. Waller, for Newcastle, in ballast.

COASTER OUTWARD.—Jan 13.

Trilby, s, for Port Macquarie.

IMPORTS.—Jan. 13.

Victoria, s, from Wellington: 217 bls hemp, 150 cs preserved milk, 22 empty hogsheads and 18 quarter-casks, 1890 bags salt, 95 chests tea, 21 empty ammonia drums, 4 bls hair, 9 cks pelts, 12 cks pork, 4 cks tallow, 10 cases boot gloss, 26 cs whisky, 30 sacks blood manure, 219 sacks fungus, 9 sacks hides, 25 tons scenery, 90 cs frozen fish, 5 cs dried fish, and quantity of general merchandise.

Minnie A. Caine, Am. 4-m sch, from Eureka: 784,664ft redwood.

City of Grafton, s, from Richmond and Clarence rivers: 488 bxs butter, 5 cs eggs, 7 cs fish, 76 hides, 51 horses, 5 bls millet, 143 bgs maize, 12 bgs bacon, 7 cs honey, 2 bgs hides, 2 bdls skins, 5 cks tallow, 1 cow, 13 pkgs furniture, 10 bgs bottles, 1 coop poultry, and 19 pkgs sundries.

EXPORTS.—Jan 13.

Manapouri, s, for Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa: 10 cs champagne, 1569 bgs flour, 84 cs whisky, 222 cs beer, 690 bgs rice, 181 cks cement, 15 cs brandy, 10 cs milk, 32 bgs sugar, 20 kgs white lead, 10 pkgs apparel, 42 cs jam, 158 kgs paint, 84 cs oil, 20 cs sardines, 40 kgs colour, 70 pkgs barb wire, 25 pkgs furniture, 18 cs gin, 50 cs salt, 21 cs galvanised iron, 1100 pkgs biscuits, 44 cs meats, 80 cs benzine, 31 bags rock salt, 77 cs wine, 12 pkgs m. metal, 25 bls bgs, 216 pkgs cotton goods, 48 pkgs manufactures, 1075 pkgs merchandise, 15 bxs butter, 30 cs bottles, 50 bdls sheet iron, 36 fire bars, 14 cls rope, 20 cks French clay, 25 pkgs effects, 21 cs fruit, 10 cs grapes, 15 cs mineral waters, 26 cs conserves, 14 pkgs hardware, 46 cs wire nails, 10 cs clothes pegs, 22 cs matches, 430 pcs timber, 20 cks tar, 28 bgs oil cake, 20 sheep, 91 bgs potatoes, 10 cs turps, 12 bls hay, 434 bgs sharps, 32 cs soap, 73 bdls pipe, 412 cs kerosene, 10 bdls shovels, 80 bdls iron, and sundries.

Customs-house.—Entered outward, Jan. 13: Neptune, bqtn, for Auckland, via Newcastle; Victoria, s, for Wellington; Sapphire, s, for Bombay, via Newcastle; St. Louis, s, for Noumea.

Another French barque from Hiogo, Japan—the La Blanche—arrived in port yesterday. She sailed on Nov. 12, and during the greater part of the passage met with north-easterly winds. On the run down the Queensland coast light winds and calms were experienced, and for the last three days of the voyage fresh north-easterly winds were encountered. The La Blanche is in ballast. The Ville du Havre, which arrived from Hiogo on Tuesday evening, remained in Watson's Bay yesterday awaiting instructions.

After a good passage from Wellington the steamer Victoria arrived here at 7.30 a.m. yesterday. She sailed at 4.15 p.m. on Saturday last, and experienced smooth seas with light variable winds throughout.

The City of Grafton, which arrived here yesterday from the Richmond and Clarence Rivers, met with fine weather and smooth seas throughout the trip.

At an early hour this morning the ship Thornliebank will be removed from Pulpit Point to an anchorage in the stream.

The American 4-mstd. schooner Minnie A. Caine was yesterday morning taken from her anchorage in the stream to Johnstone's Bay to discharge her cargo of timber.

The barque Selkirkshire was yesterday removed from Darling Island to an anchorage in the stream.

Early this morning the 4-masted barque Torrisdale will be removed from her berth at Woolloomooloo to an anchorage in Neutral Bay.

The Adelaide Company's steamer Wollowra, with nearly 100 passengers, arrived yesterday afternoon from Fremantle via ports. Fresh easterly winds and moderate seas were experienced on the run from Fremantle to Adelaide; and fine weather and a moderate swell on the trip to Melbourne. The Wollowra, after leaving the southern capital at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, met with south to south-west winds, moderate seas, and dull and cloudy weather. Heavy rain storms prevailed between Gabo Island and Montague Island, and light showers were experienced from there to port.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Moldavia, from London, via ports, bound to Sydney, arrived at Fremantle from Colombo at 7.40 a.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Ormuz, from London, bound to Sydney, arrived at Melbourne from Adelaide at 8.5 a.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Himalaya, from Sydney, bound to London, left Melbourne for Adelaide at 4.40 p.m. on Tuesday.

The R.M.S. Omrah was despatched from Sydney yesterday for London, via the usual ports of call, in addition to Hobart.

The G.M.S. Zieten, from Bremen and Southampton, bound to Sydney, arrived at Melbourne from Adelaide yesterday.

The G.M.S. Barbarossa, from Sydney, bound to Bremen and Southampton, left Melbourne yesterday for Adelaide.

A NOVEL SALVAGE SHIP.

The enormous fortunes lost in sunken ships each year on our coasts (says a home paper) are taxing the resource of both our shipowners and marine insurance officers. The most ample provisions have been made to ensure the safety of all vessels approaching our coast-line. Lighthouses, beacons, storm-signalling stations, and a highly trained coastguard service patrol every foot of the coast-line, and, strange to say, year in and year out the losses increase, and the sum of money forfeited to the sea has reached a fabulous sum—reckoned in tens of millions. It has been estimated by experts that within sight of land and within comparatively easy reach there are millions of pounds' worth of shipping buried in the sands. The problem has been considered how best to save such losses in future, and a vessel is being constructed at Leith which will be kept for a sea salvage ship to raise any vessel that might meet with disaster on the British coast. She is to cost £17,000 to build, and will be fitted up with the most modern engineering appliances and pumps and diving apparatus. The model of the Baltic salvage boats will be followed, and several new improvements will be added. It is estimated that the tug, for in reality she is no more than a tug in build, will have the capacity and power on board to raise a vessel as large as a White Star leviathan. One feature about the management of the foreign salvage fleets is novel. If they undertake to raise a vessel for the owners their terms are—no cure, no pay.

BAR HARBOURS.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the condition of the bars at high water:—Ballina, 14ft on bar, 12ft inside channel; Camden Haven Heads, 5ft 9in on bar; Bateman's Bay, 9ft 9in on bar; Harrington, 12ft on bar, 9ft inner channel; Forster, 6ft 6in on bar; Clarence Heads, 14ft on bar; Lake Macquarie Heads, 7ft 6in on bar, sea smooth.

AN ITALIAN BARQUE ABANDONED.

The British steamship Cornwall, which put into Table Bay shortly after noon on December 16 (says the "Cape Times"), brought tidings of a disaster, happily unaccompanied by any loss of life, that occurred off Port St. John's. The Cornwall was bound on a voyage from Natal to Buenos Ayres, and sighted a barque throwing up signals of distress in a mountainous sea. At that time, however, lifeboats were altogether useless, and she stood by for some time, awaiting an opportunity to effect a rescue, which was ultimately accomplished by means of lifebuoys and ropes. The captain, in his statement, said that on August 21 he left Antwerp with the Italian two-masted barque S. Michele, with a general cargo for Port Natal. All went well until entering the English Channel, where they encountered heavy weather, but the barque bravely withstood the strain, and was fortunately assisted with favourable winds and fine weather so far as Ascension. After passing the island, however, she again was caught in unfavourable seas, but luckily escaped without any damage. A splendid voyage was made round the coast, until passing Algoa Bay, where a tremendous swell tossed the barque about like a cork, and as the elements showed no signs of abating, the crew remained on deck night and day. The trouble began on the morning of December 10, and the stiff south-wester that was raging continued with awful force during the night. Heavier seas were running the next morning, and throughout the night the barque was enclosed by mountainous waves which washed over the decks. All hope was abandoned when the big mast broke, and in falling, smashed the pump. The rudder also gave way under the strain, and the ship began to fill with water, and heave over on her side. The weather was so rough that boats were out of the question, and the only thing that remained for the helpless crew was to throw up signals of distress. The barque was rapidly filling up, and looked every minute like capsizing, when the Cornwall hove in sight and answered the signals. Rescue by lifeboat was impracticable, and the British ship answered that she would stand by for a favourable opportunity. After standing by for about seven hours, the disturbance somewhat abated, and the Cornwall put out lifeboats furnished with lifebuoys and ropes. The lifeboats could get no nearer than a hundred yards, and the distressed crew seeing their last opportunity jumped overboard, and swam to the buoys, by means of which they were safely landed on the Cornwall. The S. Michele was still floating when she was deserted. Everything possible was done to save her, but when the pump and rudder were smashed, and she commenced to fill up with water, all hope was abandoned. The rescued sailors speak in the highest praise of the treatment they received at the hands of the officers of the Cornwall. The S. Michele was the property of Caterina Mignano, of Procida, and had a crew of 14 hands all told.

THE UNION LINERS.

The Moeraki arrived at Wellington yesterday morning.

The Manuka leaves Wellington on Saturday for Sydney.

The Whangape leaves Melbourne on Friday for Sydney.

The Aparima leaves Dunedin on Tuesday for Newcastle.

The Oonah is due to-day from Hobart.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

The following sailing vessels are now due at Sydney:—

Almeda, sh, from Portland, (O.)—54 days.
Amazon, four-masted bqtne, from Port Gamble—60 days.
C. B. Kenny, bq, from Eureka—50 days.
David Evans, four-masted sch, from Gray's Harbour—51 days.
Fredmel, bq, from Baltic—120 days.
Jabez Howes, sh, from Ballard—71 days.
Lyderhorn, four-masted bq, from Delagoa Bay—71 days.
Macquarie, bq, from London—91 days.
Miltonburn, four-masted bq, from Delagoa Bay—63 days.
Oberon, four-masted bqtne, from New York, 115 days.
Romanoff, bq, from London—122 days.
St. Kilda, bqtne, from Whangarei—13 days.
Tasmania, four-masted bq, from Liverpool, 88 days.
Woollahra, bq, from Eureka—57 days.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Chingtu, s, for Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Kumano Maru, J.M.S., for Yokohama.

KEPPEL BAY (877 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Wodonga, s, for Sydney.

GLADSTONE (828 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Barcoo, s, from Townsville.

BUNDABERG (717 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Tinana, s, from Brisbane.

CAPE MORETON (432 miles).—Passed: Jan. 13, Colac, s, bound for Sydney.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Warrego, s, from Burketown. Dep: Jan. 13, Peregrine, s, for Sydney.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Jan. 13, Duroby, s, Augusta, s, and Pretoria, s, all bar bound.

BYRON BAY (345 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Dorrigo, s, at 5.15 p.m.

RICHMOND RIVER (331 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Lady Musgrave, s, at 3.10 p.m. Dep: Ramornie, s, at 5.20 p.m. Passed: Yarrin, s, at 4.30 p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Kallatina, s, at 3.55 p.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Passed: Jan. 13, Friendship, s, at 2.15 p.m., Aramac, s, at 5 p.m., both north; Mareeba, s, at 5 p.m., south.

COFF'S HARBOUR (237 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Dorrigo, s, at 4 p.m., for Sydney.

BELLINGER HEADS (230 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Nerong, s, at 5.30 a.m., for Nambucca.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Nerong, s, at 6.30 a.m., from Bellinger River; Baden Powell, s, at 7.15 a.m., from Sydney.

TRIAL BAY (209 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Burrawong, s, at 6.30 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: Jan. 13, a steamer, yellow funnel, black top, at 3 p.m., south; Koonowarra, s, at 4.15 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Rosedale, s, at 6.15 p.m., for Bellinger.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: Jan. 13, Kyogle, s, at 3.50 p.m., north; Gabo, s, at 5.45 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (150 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Myee, s, at 6.30 a.m. Dep: Kincumber, s, at 4.30 p.m.

CROWDY HEAD (147 miles).—Passed: Jan. 13, Tomki, s, at 10.30 a.m., north.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Wootton, s, at 8 a.m. Dep: Pyrmont, s, at 6 p.m.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Tuncurry, s, at 6.30 a.m., Commonwealth, s, at 2.15 p.m., both from Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS (100 miles).—Passed: Jan. 13, Hastings, s, at 11.10 a.m., Cavanba, s, at 12.5 p.m., both north.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Hawke, s, at 4.30 a.m., Magdalene, s, at 5.10 a.m. Passed: A ketch, at 8.20 a.m., Kincumber, s, at 3.25 p.m., both south; Changsha, s, at 3.55 p.m., north; Ilumo, ktch, at anchor in Nelson's Bay.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Archer, s, Newcastle, s, Barwon, s, Jones Bros., sch, Cavanba, s, Helen Nichol, s, Tarshaw, s, Sophia Ann, s, Timaru, s, from Sydney; Emily Reed, Am. sh, from Simonstown; Sellasia, s, from Brisbane. Dep: Jan. 13, Civility, s, Cavanba, s, Newcastle, s, Tarshaw, s, for Sydney; Ellerie, s, for Coronel, with 5935 tons Caledonian coal; Michaele Bianchi, It. sh, for Honolulu, with 2270 tons Duckenfield coal; Easby, s, for Melbourne, with 1870 tons coal; Paris, sch, for Cape Hawke; New Guinea, s, for Melbourne, with 2420 tons of coal; Sophia Ann, s, Helen Nicholl, s, Archer, s, Jones Brothers, sch, all for Sydney; Lady Mildred, s, for Adelaide, with 3500 tons of coal.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS (54 miles).—Arr: Jan. 12, Gleaner, ktch, during night, from Newcastle.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Illaroo, s, at 4 p.m., from Sydney. Dep: Helen Nicoll, s, at 11.30 a.m., for Newcastle.

BARRANJOEY (19½ miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Hawkesbury, s, at 8.40 a.m., from Sydney.

BELLAMBI (41 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Werfa, s, at 5.20 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Marjorie, s, at 11.30 a.m., for Sydney.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Illawarra, s, at 4.30 a.m., for Kiama; Kurrara, s, at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA (59 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Illawarra, at 7.50 a.m., for Shoalhaven.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Illawarra, s, at 9.35 a.m. Dep: Coomonderry, s, at 6 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: Jan. 13, Wollowra, s, at 9.40 a.m., Corra Lynn, s, at 3.30 p.m., both north.

BERMAGUI 175 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Bega, s, at 7.20 p.m., for Sydney.

EDEN (210 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Orbost, ktch, at 8 a.m., from Snowy River. Dep: Bega, s, at 9 a.m., for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND (218 miles).—Passed: Jan. 13, Anglian, s, at 10.30 a.m., south; a steamer, black funnel, 2 white bands, at 11.50 a.m., Glaucus, s, at 12.50 p.m., Sydney, s, at 3.55 p.m., all west; Era, s, at 7.30 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426 miles).—Outward: Jan. 13, a steamer at 2.35 a.m.; Innamincka, s, at 5.50 a.m.

HOBART (648 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Natal Queen, bq, at 5.45 p.m., from Wallaroo. Dep: H.M.S. Tauranga, H.M.S. Royal Arthur, H.M.S. Psyche, all at 6.40 a.m., for Adelaide.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Heathbank, s, from Singapore; Zieten, G.M.S., from Bremen; Ormuz, R.M.S., from London; Pateena, s, from Launceston; Herat, Italian sh, from Port Blakeley; Celtic Race, sh, from East London. Dep: Jan. 13, A. J. Hocken, s, Leura, s, and Heatherslg, s, all for Sydney; Miltiades, s, and Wakool, s, both for London, via Capetown; Barbarossa, G.M.S., for Bremen; Kawatiri, s, for Strahan; Pateena, s, for Launceston; Monowai, s, for Hobart; Kanowna, s, for Fremantle, via Adelaide.

LOW HEAD (500 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, S.M.H.T., ktch, at 2.15 p.m., for Melbourne.

STANLEY.—Arr: Jan. 13, Orion, s, Flora, s, both from Melbourne.

DEVONPORT.—Arr: Jan. 13, Flora, s, at 10.45 a.m., Orion, s, at 2 p.m., both from Melbourne. Dep: Flora, s, at 2.15 p.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Mintaro, s, and Corio, s, both from Newcastle; Kyarra, s, from Fremantle.

PORT PIRIE (1236 miles).—Dep: Jan. 13, Beira, s, for Antwerp, via Melbourne and Sydney; Time, s, for Sydney.

FREMANTLE (2460 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Moldavia, R.M.S., at 7.40 a.m., from London; Yongala, s, at 7.50 a.m., from Sydney, via Melbourne and Adelaide. Dep: Jan. 13, Tarcoola, s, at 2.55 p.m., for the Eastern States.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1239 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Moeraki, s, from Sydney.

PORT CHALMERS (1235 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Onyx, bq, from Port Esperance; Waikare, s, from Melbourne.

GISBORNE (1420 miles).—Arr: Jan. 13, Balmain, s, from Newcastle.

TONGAN SHIPPING.

Our correspondent at Tonga reports the following shipping movements since the date of his last advice:—

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 5: Manapouri, s, 2000 tons, Captain M'Lean, from Sydney, via Fiji and Samoa.
Dec. 9: Ysabel, 3-m. sch, Captain Ross, from Ninafoou.
Dec. 20: Manapouri, s, from Auckland.
Dec. 21: Dewdrop, ktch, from Ninas.
Dec. 23: Ysabel, 3-m. sch, Capt. Ross, from Niue.
Jan. 1: Haurote, s, Capt. Newton, from Sydney, via Fiji and Samoa.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 5: Manapouri, s, 2000 tons, Capt. M'Lean, for Auckland.
Dec. 11: Ysabel, 3-m. sch, Captain Ross, for Niue.
Dec. 21: Manapouri, s, for Sydney, via Samoa and Fiji.
Dec. 29: Ysabel, 3-m. sch, Captain Ross, for Auckland.
Jan. 2: Haurote, s, Capt. Newton, for Auckland.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Although I cannot fully agree with either the Rev. C. H. Matthews or the Rev. W. Cunliffe Jones, and think that neither is sufficiently unprejudiced to fully see all sides of the educational question, I have read both their letters with interest and sympathy. Mr. Ronald Macintyre's letters are a different matter. Discourtesy and misrepresentation of an opponent's arguments do not seem to me admirable, whether one is right or wrong in one's contention, and I venture to think no unprejudiced person who reads the letter of Mr. Matthews, which Mr. Macintyre professes to reply to in your issue of Thursday, 7th inst., will deny that Mr. Macintyre's criticisms are discourteous and unfair. But, after all, are the columns of an Australian newspaper a good place to argue the English educational question? The position in England is very different. But I would ask Mr. Jones if it is not the fact that where the English churchmen control the "atmosphere" of a school, they are in the majority, and have provided the buildings and most of the money; and if it is not the fact that the Nonconformist child at such a school need not receive any religious instruction objected to by its parents? Of course, I understand that is not all a Nonconformist could desire. But what are the alternatives? I take it one is the New South Wales system; but surely in such schools the atmosphere would still be "church?" The other alternative would appear to be that the school teachers should be chosen without regard to their religious views, and should give so-called "undenominational" religious instruction. Though Mr. Macintyre may not, I think Mr. Jones will, understand that hundreds of thousands of church people and many Wesleyans and Presbyterians would greatly object to that. Suppose they had scruples about paying rates to support schools where religion might be taught in a way they thought wrong. It seems to me "passive resistance" may prove a two-edged sword, and in the future smite those who now use it as a weapon. I do not venture to propound any remedy, but I would respectfully urge both sides to reconsider their positions, and to try to see both sides of the question. Churchmen should remember that though they outnumber any other individual body of Christians in England, they are neither infallible nor the whole nation. Nonconformists should remember that under the late Act, the nation has received from churchmen a large concession, and that it is as distasteful to a churchman to have his child taught religion by a man who may be perhaps a Wesleyan, but perhaps a Unitarian, as it is for a Nonconformist to have his child exposed to "church" influences. I am, etc.,

LAY CHURCHMAN.

Clarence River.

A.B.C. TEA, ABSOLUTELY BEST CEYLON. Lead packets. All grocers.—Advt.

Portraits of H.I.M. the Czar of Russia and H.I.M. the Emperor of Japan are in the "Mail."—Advt.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 45 years, 49.426.
Total from January 1 to January 13, 1904, 1.868.
Temperature, maximum 72.5, minimum 62.5.
Humidity, at 9 a.m. 70, at 3 p.m. 70.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 P.M.

Carnarvon, 29.77; Geraldton, 29.80; Perth, 29.92; Esperance Bay, 30.12; Eucla, 30.15; Streaky Bay, 30.14; Adelaide, 30.14; Robe, 30.22; Portland, 30.22; Melbourne, 30.10; Wilson's Promontory, 30.15; Gabo Island, 30.02; Cape St. George, 30.00; Sydney, 30.02; Newcastle, 30.01; Port Macquarie, 30.04; Clarence Heads, 29.93; Brisbane, 29.92; Rockhampton, 29.90; Mackay, 29.91; Cooktown, 29.88.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Araluen 28, Bathurst 19, Bega 8, Bodalla 19, Bombala 20, Bowral 18, Braidwood 3, Bateman's Bay 40, Blackheath 74, Bungendore 13, Crookhaven 51, Camden Haven 11, Cape St. George 26, Carcoar 3, Casino 4, Camilla 18, Clarence 22, Condobolin 9, Coolah 2, Cooma 96, Coonabarabran 1, Cowra 20, Delegate 20, Green Cape 38, Germanton 1, Goulburn 74, Grenfell 23, Gulgong 18, Hill End 15, Katoomba 85, Kempsey 5, Kiandra 31, Kiama 38, Kurrajong 31, Lawson 55, Lismore 16, Manning Heads 18, Moruya Heads 28, Moss Vale 36, Mount Victoria 60, Merriwa 1, Michelago 32, Newcastle 8, Nimitybelle 45, Nymagee 15, Picton 18, Port Macquarie 25, Rockley 75, Raymond Terrace 5, Taralga 12, Springwood 42, Ulladulla 60, Uralla 21, Wollongong 20, Woolgoolga 30.

Additional rainfall reported at 9 p.m.:—Bowral 3 points, Carcoar 140, Cooma 2, Coonabarrabran 20, Kiandra 4, Moruya 11, Mount Victoria 5, Sydney 1, Wagga 10.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Cloudy and showery along the coast and highlands south of Newcastle at 9 a.m. to-day. Yesterday's conditions were thundery, and many refreshing showers were recorded, though chiefly confined to the south-east districts. A southerly burster reached Sydney at 1.40 a.m. with a velocity of 23 miles.

South Australia.—Fine and warm.

Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy on the coast; fine in the north.

Northern Australia.—Unsettled throughout.

New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Gomen.

Western Australia.—Fine and clear generally.

Tasmania.—Clear throughout.

Queensland.—Cloudy over the peninsula, in other parts fine and warm.

THE RIVERS INLAND.

The following were the heights of the rivers inland at 9 a.m.:—Albury, 2ft 3in; Balranald, 2ft 4in; Bingara, 2ft; Boggabilla, 2ft f; Booligal, 7ft 6in; Bourke 13ft, f; Brewarrina, 13ft 3in; Condobolin, 1ft 6in; Cowra, 1ft 4in, f; Dubbo, 2ft; Euabalong, 2ft 2in, f; Goodooga, 2ft 4in, f; Gundagai, 2ft 9in; Gunnedah, low; Hay, 6ft, r; Hillston, 5ft 6in f; Kunopia, low; Louth, 16ft 9in; Manilla, low; Menindie, 20ft; Mogil Mogil, 1ft 9in, f; Mungindi, 7ft 4in, f; Moama, 15ft 8in; Moulamein, 2ft; Narrandera, 10ft 6in, f; Pooncarie, 20ft 5in; Tilpa, 15ft 4in, r; Tocumwal, 5ft; Wagga Wagga, 3ft 9in; Wentworth, 9ft 7in; Wilcannia, 15ft 11in, r; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 15ft 7in, f; Namoi River at Walgett, 7ft 2in, f.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, ESE, strong, fine, heavy break on bar; Byron Bay, SE, cloudy, sea moderate; Ballina, SE, cloudy, bar moderately heavy; Clarence Heads, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, SE, light, fine, sea rising; Bellinger Heads, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, SE, cloudy, sea moderate; Manning Heads, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, SE, light, cloudy sea moderate; Newcastle, SE, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Lake Macquarie Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Barranjoey, S, fresh, squally, showery, sea moderate; South Head, SSE, moderate, cloudy, sea slight; Wollongong, NE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, SSE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S, fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, SSW, strong, showery, sea moderate; Ulladulla, calm, showery, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, raining, sea smooth; Moruya, SE, light, misty rain, sea smooth; Eden, SW, light, misty rain, sea slight; Green Cape SW, light, showery, sea smooth; Gabo Island, S, light, showery, sea smooth.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy, with more showers, on the coast; a tendency for thunderstorms on northern border districts; S to E winds, fresh to strong on the coast.

South Australia.—Fine and becoming hot; SE and E winds, tending northerly; barometers falling.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine, light, cool, south-easterly winds; slight to moderate sea; some coastal mists and light rain in south-eastern districts.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Becoming cooler in W and SW districts, with possibly some squalls, and a little rain on coast, still hot in eastern districts for the present, but becoming cooler before long; unsettled in the tropics.—W. E. Cooke.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JAN. 14.

Sun rises at 4.57, sets at 7.10; Moon, 2.21 a.m., 3.57 p.m.; Mercury 5.40 a.m., 7.26 p.m.; Venus 2.5 a.m., 4.1 p.m.; Mars 7.37 a.m., 9 p.m.; Jupiter 8.35 a.m., 10.7 p.m.; Saturn 6.21 a.m., 8.10 p.m.

High water at Fort Denison, 6.1 a.m., 6.27 p.m.

New Moon, Jan. 18; full moon, Feb. 2.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30* and 7 p.m.

*Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the Express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the Special Box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.**

**Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for the Northern Express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the Special Box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Noumea, Vila, Sandwich, Spirito Santo, and Api (New Hebrides).—Pacifique, 9 a.m.
Fiji.—Fiona, 10 a.m.
Manning River.—Pyrmont, 10 a.m.
Butaritari (Gilbert Islands).—Loongana, 11 a.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 2 p.m.
British New Guinea, New Britain, Banda, and Amboina.—Airlie, 3 p.m.
Samarai and Port Moresby, from Brisbane.—Aramac, 3.45 p.m.
*United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Barbarossa, 4.30 p.m.
G.M.S. Barbarossa (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kanowna, 5.30 p.m.
Natal, Capetown, and Albany (W.A.), via Adelaide.—Wakool, 5.30 p.m.
Adelaide, via Melbourne.—Sydney, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

*Callao.—Selkirkshire, 4 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Noumea.—St. Louis, 8 a.m.
Hobart.—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Victoria, 11 a.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Kaikoura, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Innamincka, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Leura, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Ramornie, 2 p.m.
Nelson's Bay.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Nambucca River.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.
*Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Sydney, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.
Macassar and Sourabaya, via Brisbane.—Yarrin, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Eden, 1 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Burrumbeet, 5.30 p.m.
Java, via Melbourne.—Clitus, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Port Macquarie and Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 8 a.m.
Wardell (R.R.).—Tomki, 2 p.m.
Nelson's Bay.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Omrah, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Omrah.—(Letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Dunedin, etc., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Warrimoo, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Omrah, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Hobart.—Anglian, 11 a.m.
Auckland, etc., N.Z.—Mokoia, 11 a.m.
Tahiti and Raratonga, from Auckland.—Rotokino, 11 a.m.
New Britain, German New Guinea, Banda, Amboina, and Macassar, via Brisbane.—Prinz Waldemar, 2.45 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Wollowra, 5.30 p.m.

* Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

PARCEL MAIL.

Parcels addressed to Fiji and Canada will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per C.A. steamship Miowera, up to 10.30 a.m. on MONDAY, 1st February. Parcels addressed to Germany will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per German steamer Zieten, up to 11 a.m. on SATURDAY, 30th January. Parcels addressed to France will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per M.M. steamer Dumbea up to 12.30 p.m. on MONDAY, the 1st February. Parcels addressed to Cape Colony will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per Lund's steamer Wakool up to 3 p.m. this day, 14th January.

INFORMAL VOTES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is quite evident from the large number of informal votes at the late elections that the present system of recording votes is a failure, and should be superseded by a simpler and more effective method.

If the following plan be adopted there would be no possibility of mistakes occurring, and the greatest novice could record his vote correctly:—

Let the name of each candidate for election be printed on a separate slip of paper. The paper to be stamped on the back with a Government stamp to prevent fraud.

The voter would be handed one slip for each candidate, and he could select the name of the one he intended to vote for, and place it in a box provided for that purpose.

The other slips, after being counted, could be placed in another box.

Under this system it would be impossible for mistakes to occur, and we would hear no more of informal votes. I am, etc.,

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January 12.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MINING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I agree with your correspondent, Mr. E. W. Bathurst, that our State mining laws require immediate amendment. The mining industry has more money invested in it than any other three of our Australian industries. On reliable authority I find that there are upwards of £400,000,000 invested in mining ventures in the Commonwealth, and that upwards of £1,000,000 is spent every month in making purchases in connection with Australian mines. Over 120,000 men are directly employed in the mines, and as many more are employed in industries largely dependent on mining. Yet mining seems to get scarcely any recognition of its importance from our State Government.

A comparison between the mining laws of New South Wales and New Zealand, for instance, is sadly unfavourable to those of our State. In the neighbouring colony they have the advantage of a Premier who himself was actively engaged in mining and knows what is wanted.

I suggest that as these seem to be the days of the expert to push the interest and secure the proper development of various of our industries, it is reasonable to ask that the State Government appoint someone to inquire into the present state of our mining laws, examine the position of the industry, and make suggestions for the better development of this our greatest national resource. I am, etc.,

G. J. B.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

Almost complete stagnation prevailed in the Stock Exchange. In the absence of transactions of note prices varied but slightly. Toohey's Brewery sold at 17s 3d, a fall of 3d as compared with last sale. Manly Water Chute, contributing, moved off at the last rate, and afterwards business was done at an advance of 3d. Colonial Sugar moved off at a reduction of ⅛.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: Nil. Noon: Manly Water Chute, contributing, 7s 9d, 8s. Afternoon: Toohey's, Limited, 17s 3d; Colonial Sugar, 39⅞.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Share.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
N.S.W. STOCK &c. N.S.W. F. S., 1917	540,550	..	...	4	101½	101	103	4
Do. Insc'rm'ble	550,180	..	...	4	105	...	...	...
Do., 1912	2,499,127	..	...	3	88½	...	84	..
Do., 1912	973,597	..	...	3½	97	95	97	3½
Do. deb., 1908	...	..	...	4	101	...	100	...
Ditto, 1909	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do., I.S., 1928	922,280	..	...	3	91½	...	..	...
Do., T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99	...	99½	4
Do., T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	...	99	98	...	3¾
Do. Deb. 1907	399,300	...	...	5	100	...	...	...
S.D., 1913	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
S.E.D., 1913	800,000	...	...	4	103	...	...	3½
Ditto, 1914	...	...	...	4	103	...	...	3½
Col. Sugar—D., 1914	...	...	...	5	107	...	...	4½
City Syd. Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	105	...	...	3½
Ditto, 1928	80,000	...	...	4	103	...	...	...
Australn. Gas Debentures	...	...	...	4	100	...	100½	4
W.Aus. 4 p.c.	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	12	85	80/	...	7½
City	240,000	10	8	4	81/	...	...	8
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	75/	...	...	4½
Com'l of Aust	94,892	10	10/	...	4 15½	6/	7/	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,280	10	10	8	97/	5½	9½	5
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	28	28	...	4½
E. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3	63 3	63/	64/	5½
Ditto, pref	306,780	10	10	5	...	10½	...	...
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	41½	41½	41½	4½
New Zealand	427,318	6⅔	3¼	5	80/	...	78/	4½
Q'nsland	100,000	7	3	3½	11 9	11 6	...	7½
Q'nsland Nat.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 6	...
Royal of Q.	451,307	...	6/	...	56/	...	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	...	43	43	44	4½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A	...	...	...	3	15/	15 6	15 8	...
Class B	...	...	...	3	12 4½	11 10	...	4½
Ditto Insc.	768,080	...	...	3	9	9	...	7½
Com. of Aus. A cer., 1898	687,579	...	...	...	19 3	18 3	...	...
Ditto assets	5,824,008	...	...	3	13 3	12 9	13/6	4½
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	899,418	...	...	...	11 9	11 6	12/	5
Ditto def.	917,477	...	...	4	16 6	16/	...	5
Ditto Deb.	960,542	...	...	4	16 5	16/	16/9	4½
Ditto Ter.	90,873	...	...	4	19 10	19 6	...	...
Q'nsland Nat.	3,116,021	...	...	3½	12 1	11 9	12 2	4½
STEAM.								
Balmain Ferry	26,400	1	7	5	20/	...	21/	...
Illawarra	58,000	5	3½	6	85/	...	85/	6½
How'rd Smith pref., 5s pd.	...	...	...	...	...	...	5/	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	...	19 9	19/	20/	5½
N'th Coast	131,280	1	17/6	6	19/	18 9	...	6
Syd'ey Ferries	140,000	1	1	...	42/	41/	45/	5½
T. Jackson	25,000	19/	25/	5½	27	24/	28/	...
Ditto, Co-op.	6,745	...	1	5	...	1½/	30/	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	50,000	1	10/	14½	88 6	86/	...	...
Mer. Mut.	32,500	1	5/	19½	16 3	16	16/6	6
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	85	...	...	7
N. Q'land	80,000	1	10/	8	13/	11 6	12/6	6½
Ditto	2,500	1	...	8	...	...	...	...
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	89/	...	89/6	7
Ditto new	3,725	10	12 6	12½	...	19/	19 6	8
GAS.								
Albury	7,800	1	12/	10	20/3	20/	...	6½
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	17	17	17½	...
Ch. Towers	26,000	1	20/	1	14/9	15/	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	48 6	48/	...	6½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27 6	25/	...	...
M'lnd Gas	15,500	5	5	7	...	6	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	25	25	...	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	7	13	13	...	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	18/	17 9	18 3	6½
Newcastle	89,208	1	2	15	6	5½	6½	...
Ditto, New	...	...	35/	...	...	...	...	...
North Shore	125,000	1	1	7	36 6	35 6	37/6	3½
BREW'RIES								
Australian	48,000	10	10	8	8	...	...	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	10 3	...	10 6	8
Marshall's	29,701	10	5	6	4	...	3 9	7½
Perkins'	58,985	10	15	23½	43	...	44/	...
Toohey's	350,000	1	1	6	17 3	17/3	17 9	...
Tooth's	800,000	1	1	6	27 3	...	28,	5½
MISCEL'N'S.								
Aarons'	17,500	15/	10/	5	4/	3/10	...	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	..	5	...	5/	...
B. H. Water Supply	275,000	1	1	10	19/4	18 6	19/6	10
Burns, Philp	257,000	1	1	8	...	...	...	...
New Issue	35,000	1	10	8	15 3	14	15/	5½
Col. Sugar	2,000,000	20	20	10	39⅞	39¼	40	5
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	85 6	...	90/	7
Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre	...	...	...	...	...	12/	16/	...
Eme B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	3 6	..	..	...
Eme & Prospect Gravel	27,200	1	16/	...	8/	6/	7 9	...
Federal Coke	12,270	20/	20/	...	...	...	14/	...
Do. Pref., cig.	7,300	20/	10/	7½	...	...	11/	...
Malt Co.	21,000	1	15/	5½	14/	...	14/	5
Mel. Trams	480,000	1	10/	...	18 1½	...	...	...
M. de Piete	74,949	1	1	10	28/	...	28 3	5½
Mort's Dk.	200,000	1	1	...	17/	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	48,801	1	1	6	18/	...	18 6	6½
N. Food, Ice	165,114	1	18/	...	8/	7 10	8	...
Shale and Oil	80,000	1	16 8	...	1d	...	...	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	19	...	20/	10½
Perma. Trust	25,000	5	2 6	8	3 3	3 3	3 5	6¼
Perp. Trus.	25,000	10	5	10	10/	10	10 6	5
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	8	12 6	...	12 6	8
Silv. Tram	197,800	1	1	20	60	...	51 6	7½
Syd. Exch.	20,000	10	10	6	12	11½	...	...
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	29 6	27	27 6	7½
Ditto	87,500	1	10	10	13	12 6	...	...
Syd. Hyd. & G. E.	15,000	1	10	10	13 6	13/	...	7½
Vol. Land Ord	...	...	...	...	120	...	150	...
Hall's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	20	10	21/	21/	21/9	9½
Manly Water Chute	...	...	...	...	10/6	10/3	11	...
Ditto, contg.	...	...	...	...	8/	7/9	8 3	...
LAND & BD.								
Excels. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haymark. D.	...	...	...	...	17 6	...	...	...
Do. Shares	...	...	...	3	...	16 6	18/	...
Ind. Prov.	47,110	2½	20	6	...	...	...	...
Intere. P'v.	36,971	1	15	6	15 6	...	...	...
N'castle B.&I.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sydney and Suburban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto Deposits	...	...	...	...	...	6 6	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is [illegible] year's distribution, [illegible].

The situation in regard to the dispute in the wool trade has not materially altered. It is understood, however, that a meeting of the joint standing committee of the Wool Brokers' and Buyers' Associations is to be held to-morrow (Thursday), when it is thought that some satisfactory settlement may be arrived at. No trouble was experienced at the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company's sale to-day, the difficulty with this concern having been overcome.

The Sydney bank clearings up to date this year show a steady increase over corresponding periods of previous years, when the number of days in the statistical periods are allowed for as follows:—

January 1 to January 14, 1901	£5,325,730
January 1 to January 13, 1902	6,066,620
January 1 to January 12, 1903	5,643,872
January 1 to January 11, 1904	5,470,532

The principal features of the abstract of liabilities and assets in New South Wales of the undermentioned banks for the quarter ended December 31 are shown as follow, the figures for the preceding quarter being given in brackets:—

City Bank of Sydney.—Notes in circulation, £73,782 [£71,094]; deposits not bearing interest, £635,768 [£551,502]; deposits bearing interest, £532,647 [£524,976]; coin and bullion, £157,767 [£103,679]; advances, £1,209,132 [£1,239,710].

Queensland National Bank, Ltd.—Deposits not bearing interest, £51,622 [£51,721]; deposits bearing interest, £232,748 [£227,228]; coined gold and silver, £158,005 [£146,412]; advances, £55,787 [£44,083].

The Sydney house of S. Hoffnung, 1902, Limited, has received a cable from London to the effect that an interim dividend at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum has been declared for the six months ending December 31.

One country after another has of late been adopting the gold standard. The most populous country in the world, China, still remains on a silver basis. Charles A. Conant, writing in the "North American Review," points out that if China were to acquire a gold currency of 12s per capita her population of 400,000,000 would require £240,000,000 of gold. This would mean a draft upon the world's gold resources equal to one-quarter of the entire existing stock. The rich nations of Europe and America would undergo a monetary crisis if such a demand were successfully made upon them, and the financial resources of China would be utterly incapable of making such a demand successfully upon nations so strong financially and so vitally interested in keeping their gold. In short, China could not get the gold. How, then, is China to set up the gold standard? Can she have a gold standard without a gold circulation? If this question had been asked a generation or two ago, without the experience of many nations in recent years, it would probably have received an emphatic negative. But British India to-day has a gold standard without a gold currency; the Netherlands have had for 30 years a gold standard without a gold currency. Belgium is in nearly the same position. France has now a considerable stock of gold, but since 1875 she has maintained at gold par several hundred millions of silver. The United States has done the same thing. Its £120,000,000 in silver, if sold in the bullion market at present prices, would net about £60,000,000. The difference between the face value and the bullion value represents the power of certain economic laws to maintain a token currency at par with gold. Three ways may be counted upon to maintain a silver currency at par with gold. These are limitations of the quantity of coinage; acceptance of the coins at gold par for public dues and in execution of ordinary contracts in legal-tender money; the maintenance of a gold reserve or gold exchange funds.

At the local wool sales to-day 8963 bales were offered and 7805 bales sold. The market was very firm under excellent competition for all descriptions. Yesterday's high rates again ruled. The best price realised for greasies was 13½d, and for scoureds was 20½d per lb.

Mr. Albert Littlejohn, youngest son of Mr. Thomas Littlejohn, has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Scott, Henderson, and Co.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, 1 lower at 83.

Bank of New South Wales, unchanged at 39½.

Union Bank of Australia, unchanged at 43.

National Bank of New Zealand, ½ lower at 4.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, 1 higher at 99½.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien stock, unchanged at 82.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 99.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, 99.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, 103.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 101.

M'Cracken's City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 62.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

—	Dec. 29, 1903.	Jan. 5, 1904.	Jan. 12, 1904.
Afloat—	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
For United Kingdom	1,760,000	1,680,000	1,810,000
For Continent	900,000	940,000	850,000
Total	2,660,000	2,620,000	2,660,000

WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

The Atlantic shipments for the week amount to 216,000 quarters, against 170,000 quarters a week ago, and the Pacific shipments to 30,000 quarters, against 35,000 quarters a week ago.

Jan. 13.

WHEAT.

The shipment of 750 quarters of wheat per the Jason from South Australia realised 32s per quarter.

METALS.

The closing quotations were:—

Copper, on spot, £56 10s; three months, £57 15s per ton.

Tin, on spot and forward, £133 per ton.

Lead, soft foreign, £11 10s.

BREADSTUFFS.

At a meeting of the council of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, a report was received from the grain trade sectional committee, intimating that the newest appliance for ascertaining the natural weight of grain had been imported, and would be used for fixing the f.a.q. standard of New South Wales wheat during the present month. It was arranged that a fee of 10s 6d should be charged for outside persons or firms requiring to use this apparatus for ascertaining the weight of grain. On the matter of certificate of quality, the sectional committee reiterated their opinion that such certificates are, in the light of those issued in other countries of but doubtful value generally, and in the case of U.K. and Continental contracts—which all provide an arbitration clause—non-essential. A communication was received intimating that the grain trade section of the Adelaide Chamber had fixed the standard weight [illegible] season's wheat at 61½lbs per imperial bushel.

Many farmers are still holding their wheat in the expectation of getting an advance. At present those who are disposed to sell can obtain 3s 3d. At Sydney business during Wednesday resulted at 3s, while up to 3s 1½d was stated to have been paid for prime milling. The local market, however, cannot be said to have undergone any change. The price of flour has been fixed at £8; second is worth £7 15s, which is also the price of country lots. At Sydney on Wednesday 21,237 bags of wheat were received by rail, which is a record for a day. The flour receipts were 210 tons.

Messrs. John Darling and Son's report, January 11:—Wheat.—The European markets have been strong during the past week, but private cables now advise that the market is decidedly weak; there is a pause, with a strong disposition on the part of holders to sell. Cargoes of Australian wheat are being offered now for January shipment at 30s 6d per quarter, without finding buyers. It is just possible, in response to the weakness on the European side, that we shall probably experience less eagerness to secure wheat than has been the case during the past few days. Values may now be given as 2s 11d to 2s 11½d per bushel Port Adelaide for shipping parcels of wheat. In Melbourne the demand has been fairly considerable, and some few sales have been made at 3s per bushel for immediate delivery, but for January-February considerable parcels are reported to have changed hands at 2s 11d per bushel. The same applies to the New South Wales market, and considerable business has been done there for January-February delivery at 2s 11d per bushel. Flour: A steady demand continues, and millers have no difficulty in keeping their machinery going at full strength to meet the demand that is being made upon them. Values may be given as £7 10s to £7 15s per ton for best patent roller f.o.b. Port Adelaide. Quotation in Melbourne may be given as £7 15s per ton, and also the same rate in Sydney. Bran and pollard to-day may be quoted at 7d per bushel for bran delivered in Adelaide, and 8d to 8½d for pollard.

IMPORT MARKET.

Business on Wednesday was on a small scale. There were again orders from outside the State for tinplates, which on the previous day advanced 3d to 14s 3d, and several hundred boxes were purchased at that figure. On account of the short supplies the increase is likely to be maintained.

The following Customs decisions have been issued by the Minister for Trade and Customs:—"Whereas certain goods known as fig prune cereal are imported into the Commonwealth, and whereas I am of opinion that they can be used as a substitute for coffee, which is dutiable goods, and for purposes for which coffee can be used, now, therefore, I do hereby, in pursuance of the power conferred upon me by section 129 of the Customs Act, 1901, direct that fig prune cereal shall be charged with the duty chargeable on coffee." "Whereas certain goods known as quick black tar are imported into the Commonwealth, and whereas I am of opinion that they can be used as a substitute for Brunswick black, which is dutiable goods, and for purposes for which Brunswick black can be used, now, therefore, I do hereby, in pursuance of the power conferred upon me by section 129 of the Customs Act, 1901, direct that quick black tar shall be charged with the duty chargeable on Brunswick black."

Starch has met with a good demand from retailers. The Eastern produce market is excited, and Japan rice is quoted up to £28, though sales were reported at £25 to £26.

Teas remain firm all round, and privately a fair amount of business is being done. The tone of the tea market is very healthy. Messrs. Cyril Trower and Co. will offer, at their Mart, under instructions from Messrs. Gerber, Michaut, and Co., Morgan and Co., and the concerned, 401 packages Ceylons, ex Barbarossa, on Tuesday.

Sugar.—Messrs. Ireland, Fraser, and Co., Mauritius, in a report dated Dec. 12, state:—"The prolonged dry weather seems to have broken up, as we have had heavy rains at intervals since the beginning of the month. The young plantations will benefit greatly, but if the regular wet season sets in planters will find it impossible to crush all their canes. As it is many of the small cultivators will be unable to dispose of their canes, and it is reported that several have already had to cut and sacrifice some of those they have grown this year to save the ratoons for next year. The quantity of sugar received in town from the 1st August to the 4th instant is 119,968 tons, against 91,534 tons for the corresponding period last season."

Eastern Produce.—The market is excited; business was restricted.

Tinplates.—Firm at 14s 3d. Further orders were received from Melbourne and Brisbane, owing, it is assumed, to clearances of stocks.

Teas.—Sales, about 100 packages of Ceylons, 8½d to 9½d; 20 do., 10d. Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer for sale on Thursday, at their mart, 509 packages of Indians and 787 do. Ceylons, on behalf of Messrs. Parbury, Henty, and Co. and Fraser, Ramsay, and Co.

Salt Industry.—Of late years the salt industry has made great strides in South Australia, which was the first State to make money out of its crude salt (says an Adelaide exchange). There was at first a good deal of prejudice against the locally refined article, but this has long since vanished, and the factories on Yorke Peninsula now supply the markets of the State, besides exporting nearly 40,000 tons a year to other parts of the Commonwealth. Occasionally a shipment goes to America, but the freights play havoc with the profit, and the manufacturers find the Australian markets pay them best. The following figures give some idea of the growth of the industry in South Australia:—

Year.	Imports. Tons.	Exports. Tons.
1891	1,225	7,505
1892	832	6,373
1893	779	7,115
1894	763	7,024
1895	694	17,696
1896	490	18,824
1897	138	24,804
1898	182	20,974
1899	250	35,053
1900	201	33,424
1901	207	41,013
1902	—	37,570

The Castle Salt Co-operative Company has almost a monopoly of the trade, as may be inferred from the fact that in 1902 their output was 33,000 tons. It is the oldest company in the State, and its refinery at Edithburgh is fully equipped with the latest machinery. The carting of the salt from the lakes, whence it is obtained, gives employment to a considerable number of men, and not a little of the prosperity of the district is due to the activities put in motion by the industry.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney on Wednesday was £9269. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £1575; narcotics, £807; sugar, £614; agricultural products and groceries, £575; apparel and textiles, £668; metals and machinery, £106; oils, paints, and varnishes, £60; earthenware, cement, &c., £174; drugs and chemicals, £66; wood, wicker, and cane, £304; jewellery and fancy goods, £97; leather and rubber, £58; paper and stationery, £226; vehicles, £15; miscellaneous, £50; bonded warehouses, £125; harbour and light dues, £10; excise on spirits, £170; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1000; excise on sugar, £2400.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Wool Market.—Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, have received the following cablegram:—"The list of arrivals for the first series of wool sales has closed with 195,000 bales, of which 58,000 bales have gone forward direct to Yorkshire and the Continent, leaving a net available quantity for disposal of 137,000 bales, as compared with 138,000 bales for the corresponding period last year."

At Darling Harbour on Wednesday 1082 bales of wool were manifested to arrive, 272 bales came to hand coastwise, and 120 bales were received at Newcastle on Tuesday.

Messrs. J. H. Radford and Co. have received a cable from London stating that basils are from ½d to 1d per lb lower.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Values in the wheat market were fairly well sustained to-day at prices from 2s 11½d to 3s for prompt delivery of prime grain. Flour firm at £7 15s for leading brands, with a tendency to go higher. Bran selling at 6½d for export, and pollard worth about 8d. Mount Gambier potatoes are coming upon the market, and are worth £2 10s to £2 15s on the trucks at Adelaide. Turpentine has had a further advance of ½d per gallon.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, s 6s 4d; Queensland National Bank, b 11s 9d, s 12s.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cent., 1923-1932, £88; Commercial Bank, ordinary, 6s 3d; National Bank, preference, £10 10s; Silverton Tram, 51s 6d.

Wheat, 2s 11½d to 2s 11¾d; flour, £7 15s to £8; bran, 6½d to 7d; pollard, 7½d to 8d. Malting barley up to 3s 9d; Cape, 1s 6d to 1s 9d. Algerian oats, on spot, 1s 8d to 1s 7d. Maize 2s 9d, sellers asking 2s 10d. Chaff, 25s to 47s 6d; potatoes, 35s to 40s; onions, 40s to 45s 6d. Over 800 packages of Ceylon tea sold up to 1s 2d. Small business done in Indian tea. Six tons of East India coffee sold; 25 tons sago placed. Large business done in cream of tartar and tartaric acid on spot and to arrive. Morton's castor oil has been in good demand. Cornsacks, 5s 6d to 5s 7d, branbags, 3s 6½d. Further business done in wire netting. A fair parcel of fencing wire sold. 700 boxes tinplates sold at 14s 6d. Fair business done in English cement. Castor oil, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d. The Colonial Oil Company has raised Pratt's turpentine to 4s 4d. Factory butter, 8d to 9d; choice, up to 9½d. Eggs, 7½d to 8d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

DEVONPORT, Wednesday.

The steamer Kakapo left Devonport for Sydney this afternoon, with 1250 bags oats, 132 bags potatoes, 180 bags chaff, 38 bags peas.

Potatoes are quoted at £2 12s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The steamer Leura sailed to-day for Sydney with 1173 bags and 272 bls of chaff, 115 bgs rice, 100 bxs raisins, 370 bgs malt, 508 bgs onions, 14 cs jam, 112 bls hay, 117 bgs oats, 200 bgs and 120 quarter bgs flour, 50 bgs peas, 261 cs fruit, and 40 bgs malt.

The steamer Innamincka sailed yesterday for Sydney with 6 cs preserved fruits, 907 bgs and 642 bls chaff, 350 bgs malt, 404 bgs onions, 100 bgs oats, 78 cs fruit, 65 bgs oatmeal, 63 bgs potatoes.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The steamer Kallatina left at noon to-day for Sydney with 6 bags maize, 7 bags oysters, 850 bags potatoes, 1000 bags sugar, 90 cases eggs, 40 cases fish, 7 casks tallow, 20 coops poultry, 5 horses, 50 hides, 6 packages skins, 580 boxes butter, 5500ft timber, 4500ft cedar, 30 pigs, and sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The retail merchants, as usual, observed their half-holiday to-day, and this fact naturally had a depressing effect on business throughout the Sussex-street markets in almost every department ample stocks were carried to keep pace with the meagre demand. Movements in prices were exceptionally few and unimportant, but these were all on a rising grade. Bran and pollard were scarce, but the market was very firm at 6½d and 7½d bushel respectively. Dairy produce was inactive in nearly every line. Eggs moved fairly well at late rates; bacon and cheese were dull; while butter and hams received steady inquiry. The stocks of chaff were heavy, but notwithstanding prices did not recede, but became slightly firmer, though not notably so. All the trade in oaten hay was effected with Melbourne hydraulic-pressed makes at £5 per ton. Straw found ready sale at late rates, but there were no local lots to hand. At the railway to-day prime green lucerne in small bales received more attention, and realised the firm figures of £2 15s and £3 2s 6d, while medium makes were disposed of at £2; prime truss makes sold at £2 7s 6d per ton. The Newcastle steamer brought 118 bales of lucerne from the Hunter River districts; on the wharf this commodity proved hard to move at unchanged levels. Maize was again firm, with a stronger demand for prime grain free from weevil. Local river maize was quoted at from 3s 3d to 3s 4d; and Melbourne, of which there are heavy supplies, at 3s 4d per bushel. Chickwheat was scarce, and found ready sale, a prime full-grain lot going to-day at 3s 0½d per bushel. Oats were in good supply, and no difficulty was experienced in effecting sales at late quotations. Redfern market was the main potato-selling centre to-day, over 500 bags being under offer. Prices realised were better, up to £2 12s 6d being paid for very prime tubers, while others went at from £1 10s. At the Newcastle wharf 87 bags came to hand this morning, and these were nearly all disposed of at from £1 10s to £1 15s per ton. The few remaining lots on the Clarence River wharf were disposed of at from £1 10s to £2 per ton. Prime local onions sold better, prices ranging from £2 17s 6d to £3, while medium bulbs went at £2 2s 6d per ton. Melbourne Globes were plentiful, and changed hands at from £3 to £3 5s per ton.

Wholesale quotations were:—

Bacon and Cheese.—Hand-cured, best 9d, flitches 8½d to 8¾d, middles 10½d to 11d; York Castle, mild-cured sides 9d to 9½d, middles 11d; Bodalla, sides 9d, middles 10½d, flitches 8½d; Federal, sides 8d; Hicks', sides 9d, flitches 8d; Daisy brand, 9½d; "B" in circle, sides 9½d, flitches 9½d, middles 11d; Pineapple, flitches 8d, middles 10d. Hams: Local hams, in cloth, 11½d to 1s, small weights 1s 1d; "B" in circle, 1s 1d; New Zealand, 1s; Pineapple, 1s 1½d; York Castle, 1s 1d; Daisy, 1s 1½d; Bodalla, 1s; New Zealand, 1s to 1s 1d lb.

Cheese.—Very dull. Local choice loaf 4½d to 5d, good 3½d to 4d, prime large 4d to 4½d, new and soft from 2½d. Kameruka Cheddar 7½d, Bodalla 7d lb.

Butter.—Steady. Pasteurised 9½d, prime 9d to 9½d, good to 7½d, inferior to 6½d lb.

Eggs.—Northern eggs 10d to 10½d, odd lots 11d, South 11d to 1s, new-laid hens' 1s 2d to 1s 3d, duck eggs 1s 3d doz.

POULTRY.

Poultry.—River: Fowls 3s 6d to 3s 9d, hens 3s 6d to 4s, young roosters 4s to 4s 6d, choice heavy 5s 6d; English river ducks 4s to 4s 6d, good 5s; Muscovy ducks, river 4s to 4s 6d, drakes, small from 3s 6d; geese, 7s to 10s; turkeys, gobblers 9s to 11s, good to 16s, choice to 22s 6d, hens 7s 6d to 9s; guinea fowls, 4s to 6s.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Red bran was quoted at 6d, and white 6½d; red pollard 6½d, and white 7½d bus.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Local: Redfern, prime £2 17s 6d to £3, medium £2 2s 6d. Melbourne: Globes, £3 to £3 5s ton.

Honey.—Choice to 3d, good 2½d, inferior 2d to 2¼d for tins containing 60lb.

Turnips.—None offering.

Beeswax.—Choice, clear 1s 1d, other sorts 1s lb.

Lard.—Bulk 3d to 4d, bladders 4½d to 5d.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Quick sale. Local prime £3 5s to £3 12s 6d, medium £2 12s 6d to £3 2s 6d, inferior from £2 5s to £2 10s. Melbourne: Good £3 to £3 5s. Adelaide: Prime, £3 10s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, £5. Local: Redfern, nominal.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmanian, £2 12s 6d to £2 15s. Local: £2 2s 6d.

Lucerne.—Slow sale. Wharf: Best available, large bales £2 10s, good £2 5s, inferior from £1. Redfern: Prime in large bales £2 10s, prime small £2 15s to £3 2s 6d, medium £2, prime in truss £2 7s 6d, good £2.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Scarce. English feed 2s bus.

Maize.—Firm. Local: Yellow, prime 3s 3d to 3s 4d, with weevil 2s 6d to 3s. Melbourne: Prime, 3s 4d. Argentine: Prime cleaned 3s 4d, ordinary with weevil 3s 1d to 3s 2d bus.

Peas.—Grey, 4s to 4s 3d; blue, 5s 9d to 6s bus.

Chickwheat.—Inferior and pinched 2s, medium 2s 5½d to 2s 6d, and full grain 3s 0½d bus.

Oats.—Firm. Tasmanian: 2s 5d to 2s 6d. New Zealand: Prime heavy 2s 6d. Local feed: Algerian nominal, seed 1s 11d to 2s bus.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: New Clarence River, £1 10s to £2. Hunter River Wharf: Prime £1 10s to £1 15s. Redfern: Prime £1 10s to £2 12s 6d ton. Tasmanian: New Circulars, nominal.

WOOD MARKET.

Wood.—Best footwood 12s to 13s, medium 10s to 11s 6d, rough 6s 9d to 8s 9d; bakers' splits 10s to 11s; sticks 10s ton.

REDFERN SALES.

A fair supply of produce was under offer at the Redfern terminus saleyards to-day, and buyers competed with freedom. Chaff was, as usual, the commodity forward in great quantity, 43 trucks being under offer. Prime green, well-cut lots were disposed of at from 3s 3d to 3s 8d, medium 2s 7d to 3s 2d, and inferior at from 2s 3d to 2s 6d per cwt. For lucerne the bidding was rather animated, and consequently better prices were realised. Prime green makes in trusses sold at from 2s 4d to 2s 5d, and medium at 2s, while very prime makes in small bales went at from 2s 10d to 3s 1d, and one lot of medium quality realised 2s per cwt. Poor support was accorded to oaten hay, and no sales were effected. A single truckload of prime chickwheat found a buyer at 3s 0½d a bushel. Two trucks comprising 120 bags of prime Tumut maize were offered, and the bidding ran up to 3s 3d a bushel, but the seller held for more, and all was passed in unsold. Potatoes were well supplied, 524 bags being forward. Prices ranged from 1s 6d to 2s 8d, according to quality, but a very inferior lot only realised 10d per cwt. Only 112 bags of onions were offered, and sold at unaltered rates. Prime bulbs went at from 2s 11d to 3s 1d, while a medium quality consignment went at 2s 1d per cwt. Some picklers offered sold well at 7s 8d and 8s 3d cwt.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. P. J. Moy and Co., R. Little and Co., Dent and Perry, J. Bridge and Co., H. Prescott and Co., H. M. Sutter and Co., Cameron and M'Fadyen, R. Hall and Son, Walker and Oxby, Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, J. W. Gray and Co., Heaton Brothers, Ellis and Co., and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

The produce forward consisted of 65 trucks, in the following proportions.—Chaff, 43 trucks; lucerne, 6; oaten hay, 2; wheat, 1; maize, 2; potatoes, 8; and onions, 3.

Supplies were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Mrs. J. Byrnes, Webb's Siding, (607) 3s 3d, (3860) 3s 3d; Mrs. R. Morley, Maryvale, (11112) 2s 11d; (7366) 3s 1d, (3209) 3s 1d; Pulver Brothers, Bomen, (11482) passed, (11471) passed; H. Prescott, Hornsby, (7241) 2s 6d; J. King, Dubbo, (7210) 2s 11d; M'Allister, Wellington, (7709) 3s 5d, (5363) 3s 5d; J. A. Eade, Webb's Siding, (3096) passed; W. H. Lyons, Wagga, (1968) 3s 6d, (4) 3s 5d; T. H. White, Eulomogo, (6262) 2s 7d; M'Lennan, Wagga, (4647) 3s 3d; Samuels, Dubbo, (2862) passed; Wheeler, (1536) 3s 7d; P. Kelly, Ganmain, (5407) 3s 5d; J. Lockey, Borse Siding, (4110) 3s, (10054) 3s; trustees of Towri estate, Maryvale, (6924) passed, (735) 3s 8d; Hastings, Bathurst, (6289) 2s 10d; J. Clifford, Wellington, (1213) 3s 3d; Edwards, Forbes, (11208) passed; A. Anderson, Daroobalgie, (10035) 2s 8d, (12222) passed, (2278) 2s 9d; Bolam, Forbes, (6682) 2s 11d; Nicholls Brothers, Willie Plomer, (10755) 2s 8d; Graham, Cabramatta, (4684) 3s 6d; Donald, Gunning, (11512) 3s 4d; J. J. M'Nickle, Harefield, (5089) passed; Plowman, (11865) passed, (2166) passed; M'Lennan, Wagga, (4647) 3s 3d; Gill, Bomen, (845) 3s 2d, (5919) 3s 2d; J. Bullock and Sons, Blayney, (365) passed; A. W. Srinson, Coolamon, (4727) 2s 8d; T. O'Brien, (4252) 3s 4d; James Dean, (805) 3s 3d cwt.

Lucerne.—From A. Johnson, Mulgrave, (4098) 2s; Croome, Mudgee, (3296) 2s 10d; James Smith, (3860) 3s 1d; J. E. Heywood, Lochinvar, (4794) 2s; G. Nicholls, Windsor, (6891) 2s 5d; A. Hawkins, (372) 2s 4d cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From Jno. Bush, Quondong, (25) passed; M. Toomey, Newbridge, (1105) passed.

Wheat.—From J. J. Donnelly and Co., Temora (x182) 3s 0½d bushel.

Maize.—From W. Mason, Tumut, (11209) passed, (11198) passed.

Potatoes.—From Windsor, (5230) 30 bags branded I. A. 2s, (4622) 30 bags (no brand) 1s 8d, 15 bags P. L. 2s 1d, 9 J. 2s 8d, 16 J. B. 1s 8d, 6 J. 2s, 9 J. W. 2s 5d; Richmond, (5386) 11 I. J. C. 1s 6d, 12 H. P. conjoined 2s 3d, 9 J. L. passed, 22 W. P. 2s 6d, 6 J. S. 1s 10d, 9 S. M. passed; Beford, (5622) 72 bags from Collard 1s 9d; Mulgrave, (x83) 9 A. F. B. 2s, 13 R. 2s 3d, 14 J. 1s 11d, (7163) 10 W. 2s 3d, 16 T. J. B. 2s 4d, 8 bags branded cross 1s 9d, 16 R. R. 1s 11d, 16 J. R. 2s 1d; Nowra, (5012) 46 bags J. G. 2s, 15 H. passed; Singleton, (714) 15 P. 1s 9d, 18 Cross 1s 9d, 15 C. 10d, 5 O. 1s 9d, 15 B. 1s 8d cwt.

Onions.—From Wellington, (8996) 10 bags picklers from Ah Moon 7s 8d, 18 bags 2s 11d, (3953) 11 bags from Sam War 3s 1d, 4 bags picklers 8s 3d, 68 bags from Chung On passed; West Maitland, (3321) 22 bags Fountain 2s 1d cwt.

Robert Little and Co.—Hay, Chaff, Produce Auctions, Redfern, daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., live stock and produce auctioneers.—Sales of Chaff, Hay, etc., held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

"KAMERUKA" CHEDDAR CHEESE, made by experts, acknowledged to be superior to all other brands. DENHAM BROS., Sole Agents, 359, 361 Sussex-st.—Advt.

"York Castle Brand of Mild-cured Bacon. Cured by English experts. Flavour delicious." Denham Bros.—Advt.

DALGETY and COMPANY, Ltd., hold Auction Sales daily at Redfern Railway Station. All farm produce. Full prices, with quick returns.—Advt.

R. HALL and SON, Auctioneers and General Produce Merchants. Sales at Redfern daily. Highest prices.—Advt.

SHEPPARD, HARVEY, and WALKER, 188 Sussex-street. Sales Hay, Straw, Chaff, Redfern daily.—Advt.

The Berrima District Farm and Dairy Co., Ltd., 664 and 666 Harris-street, Sydney, for prime Creamery Butter. Robertson, Mittagong, and North Coast Factories. A in circle Bacon, Cheese, Eggs, etc.—Advt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

A moderate turnover was transacted at the Bathurst-street Fruit Markets to-day at prices on practically the same basis as yesterday. Stocks were ample for all requirements.

Current quotations were:—

Pineapples.—Common 4s, extra choice 7s; Queens, 6s 6d to 7s 6d case.

Apricots.—Local: Ripe, choice 4s 6d to 5s 6d, good 2s 6d to 3s 6d half-case, choice 4s to 7s, good 3s to 3s 6d gin-case.

Apples.—Local: 2s 6d to 3s; Carringtons, coloured extra choice 7s, good 4s 6d to 5s 6d, small 3s to 4s gin-case; cooking apples 2s to 3s, choice to 4s gin-case.

Cocoanuts.—7s 6d bag.

Lemons.—Local: Choice 4s to 4s 6d, good 3s to 3s 6d, large and rough unsaleable; Italian, 9s to 10s. American: 8s 6d case of 180.

Tomatoes.—Local, 1s 6d to 2s, choice 3s; Queensland, prime 2s 6d, rough 1s 6d to 2s per quarter-case.

Bananas.—Queensland, 2s 6d to 3s 6d bunch, 7s to 8s case; Fiji, 2s 6d to 4s, extra choice 5s 6d to 6s bunch, 9s to 10s case.

Gooseberries.—Tasmanian: 1s 6d to 2s. Local: Small 2s 6d to 3s 6d. Melbourne: 3s per quarter-case.

Nectarines.—Local: Choice 4s, good 3s to 3s 6d, small 1s to 1s 6d half-case.

Oranges.—Navels: Americans, 14s to 15s; extra choice, up to 20s case.

Plums.—Local: Angelinas, choice 3s to 4s; Bloods, choice 3s, medium 1s 6d to 2s; Lutherboroughs, 2s, choice 3s gin-case; Diamonds, choice 4s, small 2s to 2s 6d; Japanese, good 1s 6d to 2s 6d, choice 3s half-case.

Cherries.—Local: Black, 3s 6d to 5s; white, 3s to 4s quarter-case; in 12lb boxes, 3s to 4s.

Currants.—Red and Black: Tasmanian, in punnets, 4s to 5s doz, 4s quarter-case.

Peaches.—Local: Clingstones, choice 4s to 5s, good 2s to 3s, small from 1s gin-case; slipstones, choice 3s 6d to 4s, good 2s 6d to 3s, small 1s to 1s 6d half-case.

Passionfruit.—Queensland, 2s 6d to 3s 6d quarter-case, 5s to 6s 6d packers.

Melons.—Rock 5s to 6s case, local water 4s to 5s, large to 7s doz.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

Slow conditions ruled in nearly every line of vegetables at the Belmore Markets to-day, and prices generally had an easier tendency.

Quotations.—Cabbages, 2s to 2s 6d; red cabbages, 1s 6d; carrots, 10d; turnips, 8d to 1s; parsnips, 8d to 1s; rhubarb, good 1s 6d; spinach, 4d to 6d; parsley, 9d to 10d; beetroot, 8d; mint, 8d; watercress, 1s 6d to 2s; celery, 2s; lettuce, 6d; radishes, 4d to 6d; herbs, 6d per doz bunches; peas 3s 6d, Tasmanian 1s 9d to 2s; broad beans, 9d to 1s; French beans, 1s; turnips, 8d to 11d doz bunches; chillies, 3s 6d bus; pumpkins, 2s to 6s; preserving melons, 1s 6d to 2s doz; tomatoes, 1s to 1s 6d quarter-case; cucumbers, 4d to 8d single case; vegetable marrows, 1s; kidney potatoes, new garden, 2s 6d to 3s 6d cwt; Early Rose, 2s to 3s cwt; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 1s to 1s 3d doz bunches.

HOMEBUSH OFFERINGS.

For Thursday's sale at Homebush the offerings will be:—Sheep, 18,631; cattle, 848.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Auctions were continued to-day, Wednesday, in the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when catalogues were submitted by the undermentioned brokers.

Offerings and sales were as follows:—

Brokers.	Offered.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately, ex Catalogue.	Privately, Uncatalogued.	Total.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Goldsbrough, Mort and Co., Ltd.	5,941	4,445	359	—	4,804
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.	3,022	2,778	223	—	3,001
Totals	8,963	7,223	582	—	7,805

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. submitted a large and attractive catalogue, which comprised an excellent all-round selection of greasy wools, representative of most of the districts of the State. Included were some superior lines, with a large percentage of good, useful parcels.

Scoured was chiefly represented by the well-known FMY over Northampton brand, from Blackall, Q., which showed good staple and colour, but was somewhat seedy.

For greasy merino they obtained 13½d, this figure being secured for 5 bales super combing marked Goldsworth over Y over New England, from Uralla, 77 bales first and second combing selling at 12½d, 40 second combing at 11½d, 8 first clothing at 11½d, 40 broken fleece at 10½d, 10 first bellies at 7½d, 9 second bellies at 7d, 10 locks at 4½d, 5 rams at 9d, a wool of excellent quality and staple, bright, and free. Other sales were: Rosevale over AD (Lowther) 21 at 9½d, 11 at 9½d, 4 bellies at 6½d, 5 pieces and locks at 4½d, of good, useful quality, part short. J&A over 8 on side over Essington over Park (Oberon), 18 at 10½d, 6 at 9½d, 28 crossbred at 9½d, 4 bellies at 5d, good quality, rather strong, the crossbred portion skirty. N. Wilson over Caloola, 29 at 10d, 10 crossbred at 8½d, 4 locks at 3½d, well-grown, sound. WB in triangle over Briar Park (Rockley), 30 at 9½d, 20 pieces at 7½d, 8 bellies at 6½d, 7 clips at 3½d, 18 crossbred at 9½d, 5 at 8d, 4 crossbred pieces at 5½d, of nice quality and in good condition. Ballyroe over H (Rockley), 16 at 9½d, 21 at 9d, 10 crossbred at 7½d, 4 bellies at 5½d, of good, useful quality, free, and sound. GEM over Mudgee (Hill End), 97 at 10½d, 8 bellies at 6½d, a nice, well-grown, free wool. JLM over Invergowrie over New England (Armidale), 43 at 11½d, 60 at 11d, 5 at 10½d, 7 H at 11½d, 9 first pieces at 11½d, 11 at 10d, 18 second pieces at 8½d, 8 bellies at 9½d, 7 locks at 5d, very good quality, free, and in nice condition. A over PRS over New England (Guyra), 8 at 12d, 5 at 11½d, 16 pieces at 10d, 5 bellies at 8½d, very well bred, sound, and free. CTE over Sobraon over New over England, 22 at 12½d, 5 at 10½d, 9 pieces at 10d, very nice staple, sound and free. FM over Mudgee (Spicer's Creek), 25 at 10½d, 31 first pieces at 10d, 19 pieces at 8½d, 7 bellies at 7½d, 12 locks at 4½d, fine, short, and free. Tarengo over H (Burrowa), 12 at 11½d, 33 at 11d, 11 at 10d, 15 at 9½d, 23 B F at 9½d, 10 first pieces at 9½d, 30 second pieces at 8½d, 11 bellies at 7½d, 10 locks at 4½d, 5 lambs at 4½d, 6 rams at 8½d, good quality, well grown, sound, and free. Hume over Euralie (Yass), 19 at 12½d, 4 at 12½d, 6 at 10½d, 18 at 10½d, 13 at 9½d, 13 first pieces at 9½d, 5 second pieces at 7½d, 7 bellies at 7½d, 6 locks at 4½d, 4 lambs at 4½d, well grown, in nice condition. JC over C over Spring Vale (Bombala), 19 at 11d, 20 at 10½d, 8 at 10½d, 19 at 9½d, 10 first pieces at 9½d, 9 at 9½d, 6 second pieces at 6½d, 8 bellies at 7½d, 5 locks at 4½d, 4 at 5½d, good, shafty combing, sound, and free. JSH (Peelwood), 23 at 10½d, 21 at 10½d, 21 broken at 10d, 16 pieces at 8½d, 6 bellies at 6½d, 4 locks at 3½d, good useful quality, free. W in diamond over New England (Guyra), 36 at 10½d, 8 first pieces at 9d, 4 bellies at 7½d, 4 locks at 4½d, good useful quality, part ticky. F. French (Wyalong), 42 at 9d, good quality and staple, rather wasty. FWK over Ewenmar (Trangie), 12 at 8½d, 10 at 8d, 8 at 6½d, 10 pieces at 6½d, 4 bellies at 4½d, 5 stained at 4d, 5 second lambs at 4½d, good quality and staple, burry, and dusty. C in diamond (Binda), 51 at 10½d, 182 at 10d, 26 bellies at 6½d, 67 W at 10d, 29 E at 9½d, 23 crossbred F at 8½d, a good, sound, free wool, in nice condition. C in triangle over Ginninderra, 14 at 10½d, 116 at 10d, 10 at 9½d, 45 first pieces at 9½d, 4 bellies (seedy) at 6d, 4 stained pieces at 5½d, 18 locks at 3½d, 6 first combing at 8d, a well-grown wool, rather heavy in condition. EK over angle over C, from Ginninderra, 16 at 9½d, 4 at 9½d, 5 first pieces at 8½d, 4 second pieces at 6½d, a well-grown wool, heavy in condition. JP over IA over Scone, 37 at 9½d, 43 at 9½d, 4 locks at 4d, good quality and staple, not quite free. HR over Black over Creek (Blackville), 14 at 9½d, 17 at 9½d, 14 pieces at 6½d, good quality and staple, burry.

Scoured brought up to 20½d, for 11 bales, marked FMY over Northampton, from Blackall (Q.), 135 bales bringing 19½d, 74 bales 18½d, 46 bales bellies 13½d, 4 bales M short 10½d, 4 first pieces short 15½d, 20 stained pieces 10½d, 11 A rams 18d, 7 M rams 16d, 5 first pieces R 16d, 4 A and B skins 16½d, good staple and colour, but somewhat seedy.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. presented a catalogue which embraced a capital selection of wools in the grease. In scoured there was only a fair assortment offered.

Their highest price for greasy merino was 11½d, obtained for the following lots:—R. Banda over New England, from Kentucky, 20 bales, fine, soft, good staple, bright, nice condition; and EC over Montana, from Goulburn, 48 bales, fine, soft, and bright, a little irregular in condition. Other sales were:—Glenrock over dot in C over 7 from Moonan Flat, 8 at 9½d, 6 at 9½d, 7 at 9d, 4 PP w at 8½d, 13 P e at 8½d, 5 skirts at 5½d, 15 bellies at 7d, 8 SP at 5½d, 9 locks at 3½d, good quality and staple, rather fatty. HY over Z over Hunter's Vale (Moonan Flat), 45 at 11d, 34 at 10½d, 23 at 10½d, 6 at 10½d, 30 at 9d, 10 bellies at 8d, 5 SP at 6d, 6 clips at 4½d, fine, good staple and condition, little dusty tip. AW (Yass), 45 at 10½d, 10 at 10d, 19 at 9½d, 9 at 9½d, 13 first pieces at 8½d, fine, soft, good staple, fatty. Mt. Pleasant over JO (Gunning), 5 at 10½d, 7 at 10½d, 18 at 9½d, 22 broken at 9d, 4 at 8½d, 4 pieces at 7½d, 4 bellies at 6½d, 5 clips at 4½d, fine, soft, fatty. FH over C (Cullarin), 16 at 9½d, 36 at 9½d, 4 at 9d, 4 bellies at 7d, fine, fair staple and condition, skirty. R. Banda over New England (Kentucky), 10 at 10½d, 19 at 10½d, 8 at 10½d, 12 broken at 10½d, 6 at 9½d, 6 A pieces at 8½d, 9 at 8½d, 5 bellies at 7½d, 4 locks at 4½d, as above described. A over D over Dunnville over Mudgee (Rylstone), 19 at 10½d, 18 at 10d, 8 pieces and bellies at 6½d, fine, soft, bright, fatty. RHR over Minnie Downs (Tambo, Q), 23 at 9d, 12 at 8½d, 25 broken at 5½d, 22 pieces at 8½d, 6 bellies at 6½d, good quality and staple, dust stained, and seedy. JH over W (Cowra), 16 at 9d, 14 at 8½d, 6 at 6½d, 6 pieces at 6½d, fine, good, dusty staple, and fatty. TS over Pibbon (Mundooran), 29 at 9½d, 14 broken at 8d, 5 bellies at 4½d, good quality and staple, rather fatty and seedy. EC over Montana (Goulburn), 11 pieces at 8½d, 4 bellies at 7½d. JC & Co over Glenden over New England (Glen Innes), 48 at 11d, 16 at 10½d, 13 at 10½d, 25 at 9½d, 17 first pieces at 9½d, 9 at 9½d, 4 at 9½d, 17 second pieces at 8½d, 8 bellies at 8d, 4 at 7½d, 7 locks at 4d, 4 fine xbd at 10½d, 11 at 9d, 6 xbd pieces at 7½d, fine, good staple, soft, bright, fatty. JMD conj. over Uriarra (Queanbeyan), 11 at 10d, 36 at 9½d, 16 at 9½d, 4 rams at 8½d, 15 pieces at 9d, 9 bellies at 6½d, 6 stained pieces at 5½d, 8 locks at 3½d, 4 super at 9½d, 13 combings at 9½d, 4 F at 7½d, 12 pieces at 7½d, fine, soft, irregular length, in fair condition. J & WW (Queanbeyan), 82 at 10d, 4 rams at 9d, 6 pieces at 6½d, 6 bellies at 6½d, 7 locks at 3½d, fine, soft, bright, good staple, skirty. JT over Caoura (Barber's Creek) 36 at 9d, good quality and staple, yolky and skirty. AWA over New England (Inverell), 27 at 9½d, 5 at 9½d, 11 at 8½d, 5 pieces at 9d, good quality and staple, fatty, dusty, and burry. WJ over CF (Curry Flat), 12 at 9d, 8 at 8½d, 10 first pieces at 8½d, 7 at 8½d, 4 bellies at 6½d, 13 Lincoln at 6d, fine, soft, fatty, dusty tip. Ullman (Mullaley), 35 at 9½d, 5 dingy at 8d, good staple, fair condition, dusty. DMK over Yalbraight (Yalbraith), 22 at 8½d, good staple, rather fatty and skirty.

Scoured sold to 17½d, for 11 bales of necks marked EGB over Bexley from Ilfracombe (Q.), of good colour, but rather seedy. Other sales were:—Towrang over M & Co. over Goulburn, 16 A dead at 11½d, 20 at 10½d, 19 at 10d, 5 xbd dead at 9½d, bulky, bright, fair condition.

The market was very strong all round to-day, the best features of the previous days of the week being reproduced. Crossbreds, especially when fine, met an excellent demand, increased Yorkshire competition greatly assisting their sale. Scoureds, although not well represented, sold up to late rates. Altogether the market from a seller's point of view was most satisfactory.

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, report:—Our first sale since the holidays was most successful. There was very active competition, and well-conditioned lots of merino, comeback, and crossbred wools sold at an advance on the prices ruling before Christmas of ½d to ¾d per lb. Scoured wools were especially active, and with more advance. Greasy merino sold to 11½d, comeback to 10½d. "WMP" sold to 11½d, A over Bullwood 11½d, LB over Burnside 11d, MI over Locindale 10½d, Ournie 10½d, OD over M in circle 10½d, FHH over Clear Springs 10½d, Guy's comeback 10d, TB over SHO 10½d, ME over Tumberumba, merino 10½d, crossbred 9½d, AM over L 10½d, AP over Yabba 10½d, IC over Woodbine 10d. Scoured: Losh over Trout brought 20½d, WC over Wyadra 19½d, Haddon Downs 19½d, CP and Co. over Marfield 18d, FHH over Clear Springs 17½d.

STOCK SALES.

Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, report having, in conjunction with Messrs. M'Kenzie and Hooke, sold by auction at Maitland on Tuesday, on account of the Gloucester Estate, Limited, 500 breeding cows and 500 steers from one year up. Cows with calves averaged £8 11s 10d, dry cows £6 10s 8d, steers £5 19s 3d.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co., Limited, report.—Cattle: 460 yarded, including 90 from Queensland, 80 from the north, 40 from the south-east, the balance from the lakes and local sources. The supply was chiefly medium classes, with a full muster of buyers. Sales were brisk at fully last week's satisfactory prices. Prime beef realised 27s. We sold 90 cattle. Sheep: 7000 yarded, including several choice lines. There was a fairly active demand and nearly the late high values until the closing sales, when there was a weaker tendency. Quotations: Prime merino wethers, 20s to 22s; prime ewes, 18s; prime cross wethers to 22s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 17s to 20s. Lambs: 2000 penned. Prices continue exorbitant. We sold 1500.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

At the stock sales to-day there was a small yarding of store cattle. Fat sheep were in good supply. Fat cattle were easier. Fat wethers to 16s 6d; store wethers, 12s 6d to 13s 8d; ewes, 10s 9d to 12s 6d; two-tooth ewes to 12s 3d; two-tooth wethers to 10s 6d; ewes and lambs, all counted, 10s 6d; fat lambs, 10s 9d to 11s; fat cows, £6 to £8 12s 6d; bullocks to £7. Best beef worth 26s 6d per 100lb.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

At to-day's stock sales fat stock were dearer than last week. Bullocks sold to £9 7s 6d, steers £4 16s, cows £7 15s, heifers £5 7s, store cattle up to £5. Dairy cattle continue to realise high prices. Heifers £8 19s, cows £6 11s, bulls £6 6s.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

At Campbell's Hill saleyards to-day 1000 head of pure-bred cattle from the Australian Agricultural Company's Gloucester herd were disposed of by Mr. H. S. Badgery, acting on behalf of Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, of Sydney. There was a large attendance, including buyers from various parts of New South Wales and from Queensland. Competition was unusually active, and the sale was the most successful for some time. Cows, with bull calves at foot, realised £16; cows, with steer calves, to £9, best quality, others from £7 10s; cows, without calves, to £7 15s; heifers, £5 10s to £7 10s; two-year-old steers, £6 19s to £7 2s; yearlings, £5 to £5 8s.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1510 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 100 from New South Wales, 250 from the North-eastern district, 250 from Gippsland, 430 from South Gippsland, 100 from the Northern districts, 100 from the Westward, and the remainder from paddocks near town. The quality was well suited to requirements, the greater portion consisting of good and special grades, with a fair proportion of prime. In the early part of the market there was a steady demand at about last week's improved rates, but as the sales progressed competition became irregular, with a weaker tendency, prices gradually receding to from 10s to 15s per head under former rates. Quotations: Prime pens of bullocks, £12 to £13 5s; extra prime ditto, £13 10s to £14 5s; odd beasts to £14 7s 6d; good ditto, £10 10s to £11 10s; good ditto, light and handy weights, £9 to £10; second and inferior, from £7 10s. Prime pens of cows, £5 10s to £9 10s; odd beasts, to £9 17s 6d; good ditto, £6 10s to £8; others from £5. 230 fat calves penned. The demand was not so active, and prices were a shade easier. Prime steers and heifers, 90s to 110s; good ditto ditto, 65s to 80s; prime calves, 50s to 65s; good, 30s to 45s; others from 20s.

MELBOURNE DEAD MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the metropolitan dead meat market prices during the week ended to-day ruled as follows:—Beef, prime bodies, 27s to 28s per 100lb; medium, 24s to 26s. Prime forequarters, 22s to 23s; medium, 20s to 21s. Prime hindquarters, 31s to 32s; medium, 28s to 30s. Sheep: Prime wethers, 3½d per lb; medium, 3¼d. Prime ewes, 3¼d; medium, 3½d. Lambs: Prime, 11s to 12s each; medium, 9s to 10s.

LEATHER.

Sales were held yesterday by Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd. The attendance was of about the usual representative character, the catalogues submitted being of a fairly attractive nature, and including the usual parcels of the various grades in standard dressings. For tweeds of approved substance and finish there was a fair demand, with corresponding values, super parcels (both tweeds and calf and yearling tweeds) realising top rates. Kip of required condition received its measure of support, also waxed yearlings and calf. Splits, however, were not in strong demand. Basils met with good support, while sole of guaranteed quality had a fair outlet, common and inferior selling at about last reported figures. Harness materials ruled unchanged. Quotations:—Calf tweed, best 18d to 20d lb, medium 15d to 16d; cow tweed, best 15d to 16d, medium 13d to 14d; yearling tweed, best 16d to 17½d, medium 14½d to 15½d; split yearling tweed, best 16d to 17½d, medium and heavy 14d to 15d; waxed calf, super 20d to 23d, medium and fair 17d to 18d; kip, super 11½d to 12½d, medium 10½d to 11d, heavy and inferior 9½d to 10d; waxed yearling, best 15d to 16½d, heavy and common 10d to 12½d; dressed splits, super 8½d to 9½d, medium 6d to 7d. Sole, heavy 10½d to 12½d lb, medium 9½d to 10½d, faulty and damaged 5d to 7½d; shoulders, 7½d to 8½d; bellies, 5d to 5½d; waxed kangaroo, 18d to 20d; splits, rough butts 4d to 8d. Basils, 1 shoe 11s 6d to 13s 6d doz, 2 shoe 7s to 9s, 3 shoe 2s 9d to 4s 6d; saddlers, 16s to 18s; greasy, 9s to 12s. Bridle, 9s 6d to 11s side; bag, 9s 6d to 11s. Harness, best heavy brown 12d to 12½d lb, medium 10½d to 11d, heavy black 12½d to 13½d, medium 10½d to 11½d.

AMUSEMENTS.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The City Organist (Mr. Arthur Mason) gave a recital yesterday afternoon, but the attendance was hardly commensurate with the merit of the programme. The selections included the sonata in D minor (Mariel), an intermezzo by Hollins, "Tocata in F" (Bach), recitative and air, "Star of Eve," from "Tannhauser" (Wagner), and the "Schiller March" (Meyerbeer).

HUMANITY TO ANIMALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read (with great sympathy for the animals) "Centaur's" letter in to-day's issue. I hope the plan suggested will be carried out. Being only a woman I can take no prominent part in it. I am, &c.,

Jan. 12. ISABEL HARRIETTE BRAMBLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Kindly allow me room to make a few remarks with reference to "Visitor" re the above. "Visitor" says that he saw in Pitt-street a well-appointed vehicle with two horses waiting in the sun for a considerable time. The horses, a moderate pair, were made to look smart by brutally tight-bearing reins. I would like to ask "Visitor" did he take into consideration the real use of the bearing reins. It is quite evident he did not, otherwise he would not have spoken with such force of insignificance. Also he says: "This is brutality born of ignorance and snobbery." There is not a man in Sydney more tender hearted to horses than myself, but, nevertheless, I fail to see where the ignorance and snobbery come in through the use of bearing reins. Men accustomed to driving a pair of horses know the great value derived from the use of bearing reins. Of course, there are horses easy enough to drive without bearing reins, yet, on the other hand, there are others that without bearing reins would almost pull the arms out of the driver. Let "Visitor" earn his living for six months by driving a decent pair of horses without bearing reins, and I am sure he will agree with me that after all said and done there is nothing like practical experience.

I am, &c., PEDAGOGICS.

January 13.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As honorary veterinary surgeon to the Animals' Protection Society I think I am in a position to judge the competency of the work done by the society, also of the efficacy of their inspector (Mr. Williams). In my opinion the work done is very thorough, and any cases of cruelty reported to them are immediately attended to. "Centaur" in his letter of the 12th inst appears to be unenlightened as to the existence of the above society, and whilst giving him credit for his solicitude towards our dumb friends I might inform him that the blemishes he speaks of in many cases do not constitute cruelty.

I am, &c.,
B. B. LOEL, G.M.V.C.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In Tuesday's issue of your paper I noticed with much satisfaction a short letter signed, "Centaur," on the subject of "Humanity to Animals." Your readers will, no doubt, readily endorse all the statements contained in so brief a note. It would require space to enlarge on matter of this kind, but enough has been written to attract public attention, and lead, it is to be hoped, to the alleviation of much pain and suffering of the kind referred to. Trusting your correspondent's suggestions may meet with some recognition,

I am, &c., FRITZ.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

S. DAVIS.—On the premises, 20 York-street, at 11, Furniture, Pianofortes, China, Glassware, Carpets, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At 38 Bourke-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Carpets, Oil Paintings, Sewing Machine, Cutlery, etc.

BARNARD and CO.—On the premises, O'Dowd-street, Charing Cross, Waverley, at 11, Furniture, Linoleums, Sewing Machine, Laundry Plant, etc.; on the premises, Castlereagh-street, at 3, Furniture, Piano, Glass, China, Cooking Ranges, etc.

J. R. LAWSON.—At Greenheys, Lower Bayview-street, North Sydney, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Electroplate, Pianoforte, Linoleums, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—On the premises, 74 Castlereagh-street, at 10.30, Balance of Sundries; at 11.30, Jewellery, Gold and Silver Watches.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the City Mart, at 12, Teas, Rice, Garden Hose, Writing Paper, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, Cutlery, Carpets, Pianoforte, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent-street, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Furniture, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2.30, Furniture, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10, Hair, Horns, and Sundries; at 2.30, Tallow.

At the Wool Exchange, at 8, Wool.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Hair, Horns, and Bones; at 2.30, Tallow.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL AND PRODUCE CO.—At the Royal Exchange, at 3, Wool.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, etc.

BARNARD and CO.—On the premises, O'Dowd-street, Charing Cross, Waverley, at 11, Horse, Cart, Harness, etc.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cattle.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday mining shares had very little inquiry, and only a few odd sales were reported. In the Queensland division Queen Central, Queen Central Block, and No. 2 South Great Eastern were easier, but Ruby and Smithfield and Phoenix Golden Pile were slightly stronger. South Glanmire and Monkland sold at 23s 6d, and Band of Hope, paid, changed hands at 17s 6d. Barrier silver shares generally had an easier feeling, with the exception of North Broken Hill, which improved a trifle. There was little inquiry for local gold and dredging companies. Western Australian ventures were hardly as strong as they were on the previous day.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COAL.		
East Greta	—	1 8 6
Heddon Greta	—	0 12 0
Hetton	—	2 18 0
Newcastle	—	15 0 0
Stockton	0 6 0	0 6 6
Vale of Clwydd, ex div.	—	1 3 0
Wallsend	—	20 0 0
Waratah	0 6 6	0 8 0
Wickham and Bullock Island	0 0 6	0 1 1
Ditto, preferential (£1 paid)	0 5 6	0 6 6
COPPER.		
Cobar Chesney	0 1 5	—
Crowl Creek, contributing	—	0 0 6
New Chillagoe	—	0 4 3
TIN.		
Cooper Dredging	—	0 5 3
Cope's Creek Dredging	—	0 12 4½
New Wylie Creek	0 6 9	0 7 3
Stannary Hills	—	0 1 10
Wilberforce Dredging	—	0 5 3
SILVER.		
New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	0 6 0	—
Ditto, New	0 5 3	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	—	1 11 0
Block 10	1 6 0	—
Block 14	0 2 0	0 2 6
B.H. Junction	0 2 11	0 3 1
North Broken	0 9 0	0 9 6
B.H. South	1 3 0	1 3 9
Ditto, contributing	0 14 0	0 15 0
Sulphide Corporation	0 3 10	0 4 3
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	0 - 7	—
Mount Lyell	—	1 0 0
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	—	0 1 6
Ballarat of New South Wales, contributing	—	0 0 9
King's Reef Company	—	0 4 0
Mount David	—	0 1 9
Mount Drysdale	—	0 10 0
Occidental	0 6 0	0 7 6
Peak Hill	0 [illegible]	—
Ditto, contributing	0 0 6	0 0 10
Woodlark Island	—	0 2 9
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 9
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Araluen Central	0 13 3	—
Ditto, contributing	0 12 3	—
Araluen Valley Consolidated	—	0 4 0
Associated Gold Dredging	—	0 3 6
Buckland River	—	0 6 0
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	—	0 5 6
Ovens Valley	0 4 0	—
Turon River	—	0 3 9
Victoria.		
Band and Loch United	0 11 0	—
Queensland.		
Band of Hope	0 17 3	0 18 0
Bonnie Dundee	0 3 0	0 4 0
Brilliant Central	—	3 1 0
Brilliant Extended	0 15 3	0 16 0
Ditto, contributing	0 11 3	0 12 3
Brilliant St. George	1 6 0	1 7 6
Ditto, contributing	1 3 7½	1 4 0
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc	0 1 2	0 1 9
Ditto, contributing	0 0 6	0 1 0
Columbia Extended	—	0 0 0
Day Dawn Gold Mines	0 10 0	0 11 0
East Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 4 3
Grand Junction, contributing	0 5 0	0 6 0
Kelly's Queen Block	0 2 0	0 2 5
London	0 12 0	0 14 0
Marshall's Queen	—	0 9 9
Mount Morgan	—	2 9 0
New Irish Girl, contributing	1 0 0	—
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1 (old)	—	0 4 0
Ditto (new)	—	0 2 6
North Columbia, No. 2	—	0 3 2
North Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 2 0
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	—	0 9 6
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 2	—	0 2 0
No. 1 North Phoenix	0 2 5	—
No. 5 North Phoenix	0 0 4	0 0 9
No. 6 North Phoenix	—	0 0 3½
North Smithfield	0 7 9	0 8 5
No. 2 North Victory	—	0 0 6
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated	0 0 4	0 1 0
Oriental Consols	—	0 5 6
Ditto, contributing	—	0 4 6
Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 13 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 12 0
Papuan	0 4 8	0 5 2
Phoenix Golden Pile	0 5 6	—
Queen Central	0 16 4½	0 17 0
Ditto, contributing	0 15 3	—
Queen Central Block	0 6 6	—
Queen Cross Reef	2 17 6	2 18 9
Queen Cross Extended	0 1 4	—
Ruby	0 5 10	0 6 2
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	0 10 9	0 11 3
South Glanmire and Monkland	1 2 3	1 3 6
South Great Eastern No. 1	—	0 1 8
Ditto, No. 2	4 4 0	4 5 0
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	—	0 14 3
Vesuvius	—	0 15 3
Victoria G. M. Association	—	0 1 0
Victoria and Caledonia Block	0 3 6	0 4 0
Ditto, contributing	0 2 2	0 3 0
Western Australia.		
Associated	2 13 6	2 16 0
Ditto, Northern Blocks	—	1 10 6
Chaffer's	—	0 2 6
Great Boulder	1 6 6	1 7 8
Ditto Main Reef	—	0 9 0
Great Boulder Perseverance	—	1 6 6
Great Fingall	—	8 10 0
Ivanhoe	8 14 0	9 0 0
Ivanhoe Junction	0 3 6	—
Kalgurli, London register	5 0 0	6 0 0
Kalgurli North, London register	0 4 6	0 5 6
Kalgurli South, London register	1 3 3	—
Lake View Consols, Share Warrants	1 8 0	1 10 0
North Boulder	—	0 3 0
Oroya-Brown Hill	—	3 15 0
Queensland Menzies	0 7 0	0 8 6

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Overnight: Queensland Menzies, 7s 9d. On 'Change: Ballarat of New South Wales, call paid, 6d. Noon: Nil. Later: South Glanmire and Monkland, 23s 6d; Band of Hope, paid, 17s 6d. Afternoon: New Hillgrove Proprietary, 8s 1½d. Later: Cobar Chesney, 1s 9d.

The directors of the Queen Cross Reef have agreed to allow the Queen Central Company to extend the No. 3 level into their ground.

Victoria and Queen crushed 134 tons for 153oz of smelted gold.

At the Girilambone mine last week precipitate equal to 2 tons 2cwt of fine copper was produced.

During the week ended January 1 the Mungana (Chillagoe) Company shipped 60 tons of copper ore and 232 tons of lead ore.

MINING IN THE STATE.

NOWRA, Wednesday.

Mr. M. F. Morton, M.L.A., has been informed that the Minister has acceded to the request of the Yalwal miners for a grant from the prospecting vote, and that £375 will be made available immediately.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Block 10 Company's mill, running 53 hours last week, treated 1098 tons of crude sulphides, which returned 203 tons of concentrates of the usual good metal contents. Despatches totalled 507 tons of concentrates to Port Pirie, which left an estimated balance on hand of 578 tons. The productive workings are looking as well as ever, and no trouble is experienced in keeping up supplies. The pumps at Campbell's shaft are being repaired preparatory to opening out at the 1215ft level. The Harvey shaft has been deepened to 78ft below the 915ft plat, and the new tunnel at the 100ft level has reached the first section of passes, and a further 180ft of driving, rising, and sinking will complete the whole system.

The management of the Central mine, after giving very lengthy and careful consideration to the different processes for the treatment of zinc ores, has decided to more than duplicate its present magnetic separation plant. The erection will be hurried on as speedily as circumstances will allow. Plans for this and also the electrical power plant are being prepared, and it is anticipated that the buildings will be started in about five weeks. Already orders have been sent to Europe for magnetic separators, which will comprise 22 machines on the Mechernich principle. The electrical-power plant when erected will supersede the present motive force all over the mine.

OPERATIONS AT GUNDAGAI.

GUNDAGAI, Wednesday.

M'Cormack and party, of the Flying Dutchman claim, have placed the mine in the hands of a Melbourne company. The lode at this claim is 20ft wide, and averages 8dwt per ton.

The Prince of Wales mine, at Reno, which was recently sold, is about to be taken over by a Melbourne syndicate.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—Associated (col.), 54s 6d, 54s 3d, 54s 6d, b 54s 9d, s 55s; ditto (London), 54s; Associated Northern Blocks (col.), 29s 6d, 29s 3d, b 29s, s 29s 3d; Cosmopolitan Proprietary (col.), 15s 3d, 15s 6d, b 15s 3d, s 15s 9d; Great Boulder, 27s 3d, 27s 1½d, 27s 3d, b 27s 1½d, s 27s 4½d; Great Boulder Perseverance (col), 26s 4½d; b 26s 3d, s 26s 4½d; Hainault (col.), 15s 6d, b 15s 6d, s 16s; Ivanhoe (col.), £8 16s, b £8 15s, s £8 16s; Ivanhoe Junction (call paid 6d), 3s 4d, b 3s 4d, s 3s 5d; Louise (call paid 1d), 1s 1d, b 1s, s 1s 1d; Lake View Consols (col.), b 29s 6d, s 30s 3d; North Kalgurli, 5s 3d, 5s 2d, b 5s, s 5s 1d; Oroya Brown Hill (col.), 74s, 73s 6d, 74s 6d, b 74s 3d, s 74s 6d; Princess Royal, paid, 26s, b 25s 9d, s 26s; ditto, contg. 22s 6½d, 22s 6d, b 22s 6d, s 22s 9d; ditto North, 11d, 1s, 11½d, 1s 0½d, b 1s, s 1s 1d; ditto South, contg, 4d; Queen Margaret, 3s 7d, b 3s 6d, s 3s 9d; Queensland Menzies, 8s, 8s 2d, b 8s, s 8s 2d; South Kalgurli (col.), b 24s 3d, s 25s 6d; Tarcoola Blocks, b 7s 4d, s 7s 6d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 30s 6d, 30s 1½d, b 30s, s 30s 3d; Broken Hill Block 10, b 28s, s 28s; Broken Hill Junction, 3s, s 3s; North Broken Hill (call paid 6d), 9s 4d, b 9s 3d, s 9s 6d; Broken Hill South, paid, b 23s 3d, s 24s; ditto, contg. [illegible] 9d, s 25s 3d; Junction North, 2s 3½d, 2s 3d, b 2s 3d, s 2s 4d; Wallaroo, b 22s 6d, s 23s 3d; Stannary Hills, 1s 6½d, 1s 6d, b 1s 6d, s 1s 6½d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

On the Exchange to-day Smithfield and P. Golden Pile sold at 1s 1d.

Quotations were:—Brisbane Chillagoe, b 3s 6d; Mungana, s 1s 6d; Smith's Creek, b 1s 4d, s 1s 9d; Stannary Hills, b 1s 5d, s 1s 8d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Brilliant Freehold, 8½d; Kulamadau, 2s 3d; London North, 2s 7d, ditto, paid, 4s; Marshall's Queen, 8s 6d; ditto paid, 10s; Mill's United G.M., 4s 11d; New Irish Girl, 1s 1d, 1s; New Queen, 4s 9d; Phoebe, 4s; Ruby Queen Central Block, b 2s 6d, s 2s 8d; Ruby United, 2s 7d, 2s 8d; ditto, paid, 3s 5d; Ruby South, 1s 5d; ditto, paid, 2s, 2s 1d; Victoria and Queen, 5s; Wallis' Day Dawn, 3d.

Quotations were:—Band of Hope, b 17s 6d; Bonnie Dundee, s 4s; Brilliant Central, b 58s 6d, s 61s; Brilliant Freehold, b 8d, s 8½d; Brilliant and St. George, b 23s; ditto, paid, s 28s; Brilliant Extended, s 11s 11d; ditto, paid, b 15s 6d, s 16s 3d; Clark's B. W. and Victory, b 8d; ditto, paid, b 1s 6d, s 1s 9d; Craven's Caledonia, b 1s 10d, s 1s 11d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, s 16s 5d; Elliott's Queen, b 5d; Grant and Sunset, b 6s 8d, s 6s 10d; ditto, paid, b 8s; Imperial, b 11d, s 1s; Kelly's Queen Block, b 9d; ditto, paid, b 2s 1d; Kulamadau, b 1s 8d, s 1s 10d; ditto, paid, b 2s 1d, s 2s 5d; Lady Florence, b 3d; London, b 11s; ditto, paid, b 12s; London North, b 2s 7d, s 2s 8d; ditto, paid, b 3s 8d, s 4s; Marshall's Queen, b 8s 4d, s 8s 8d; ditto, paid, b 9s 6d, s 10s; United G. M., b 4s 10d, s 5s; New Caledonia Tribute, b 1s, s 1s 2d; ditto, paid, b 1s 5d, s 1s 10d; New Irish Girl, b 11d, s 1s; New Queen, b 4s 8d, s 5s; Papuan, b 4s 9d, s 5s 1d; Phoebe, s 2s 9d; ditto, paid, b 3s 9d, s 4s; Queen Cross Reef, b 58s, s 59s 6d; Queen Central, b 15s; ditto, paid, b 16s; Queen Central Block, b 2s 8d, s 2s 10d; Rob Roy, s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s 6d, s 2s; Ruby, b 5s; ditto, paid, b 6s; Ruby United, b 2s 7d, s 2s 9d; ditto, paid, b 3s 3d, s 3s 6d; Ruby Extended, b 5d, s 9d; ditto, paid, b 1s 4d, s 1s 10d; Ruby Macdonald, b 10d, s 10½d; Ruby South, b 1s 4½d, s 1s 6d; ditto, paid, b 2s 3d; Vesuvius, b 14s, s 15s; Victoria and Queen, b 4s 10d, s 5s 2d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, b 2s 4d, s 2s 9d; ditto, paid, b 3s 7d, s 4s 3d; Wallis Day Dawn, b 3d, s 4d; ditto, paid, b 10d.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

The following sales were reported on the Exchange to-day:—No. 2 North Great Eastern, 3½d; No. 4 North Phoenix, Tribute, 3½d; No. 5 North Phoenix, 7d, 7½d; No. 6 North Phoenix, 2d.

Quotations were:—Columbia Smithfield, b 1s 9d, s 2s 8d; No. 2 North Columbia Smithfield, b 1s 8d, s 2s 6d; Columbia Extended, b 2½d, s 6d; No. 2 North Great Eastern, b 3½d, s 3½d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, b 1s 4½d, s 1s 7d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, b 83s 9d, s 85s 9d; No. 7 South Lady Mary, b 1s 11d, s 2s 2d; No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire, b 1½d, s 1s 1½d; No. 1 South Oriental and Glanmire, b 12s 8d, s 13s 4d; Oriental Extended, paid, b 2s 7d, s 3s 6d; ditto, contg. b 1s 8½d, s 1s 9d; East Oriental and Glanmire, b 2s 4d, s 2s 9d; Oriental Consols, b 3s 10d, s 5s; Phoenix Golden Pile, b 6s, s 6s 9d; No. 4 North Phoenix Tribute, b 3½d, s 3½d; No. 5 North Phoenix, b 7½d, s 8d; No. 6 North Phoenix, b 1½d, s 3d; Smithfield and P. Golden Pile, b 10s 10d, s 11s 3d; North Smithfield, b 6s, s 8s 4d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, b 27s 6d, s 28s 6d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 30s 7½d, b 30s 6d, s 30s 9d; Junction North, b 2s, s 2s 5d; Broken Hill South, paid, b 22s 6d, s 24s; North Broken Hill, b 9s, s 9s 4d; Victoria Broken Hill, s 6d.

Copper and gold companies: Mount Lyell, 19s, b 19s, s 19s 3d; Lyell Blocks, 2s 10d, b 2s 9d, s 2s 10d; Mungana, s 1s 7d; New Chillagoe, s 4s; Arrino Associated, s 65s; Cobar Chesney, b 1s 6d; Crowl Creek, b 8s, s 8s 6d; ditto, paid, b 9s 6d, s 10s 6d; Vesuvius, b 15s 3d; Mount Bischoff, b £39 15s, s £40 15s.

Tin mines: Briseis, 6s 9d, 6s 8d, b 6s 7d, s 6s 9d; Pioneer, b £5 16s.

Victorian mines: Band and Loch United, 12s, s 12s 3d; Berry Extended, b 47s 6d, s 48s 6d; Berry United, 2s 11d, b 2s 9d, s 3s; Birthday, 32s 6d, b 29s; Birthday Tunnel, b 6s, s 9s 6d; Black Horse United, b 8s 6d; Cassilis, 14s 3d, 14s 6d, 13s 6d, s 15s; Chiltern Valley, s 30s; Chiltern Consols, b 4s, s 6s; ditto, paid, b 4s; Duke of Wellington, 11s 6d, 10s 7½d, b 10s 9d, s 11s; Great Southern Consols, 4s 6d, b 4s 6d; Hunt's Extended, s 52s; Hustler's Reef, 21s, 20s 6d, b 20s 3d, s 20s 6d; Hustler's Reef No. 1, b 25s; Jubilee, s 41s; Long Tunnel, b 47s, s 49s; Long Tunnel Extended, b £13 10s, s £13 15s (small lots); Main Leads North, 10s 6d, s 11s; New Dempsey, 36s 6d, 36s, b 36s, s 36s 6d; New Moon, b £8 15s (small lot); North Woah Hawp, b 17s 1½d, s 17s 6d; Reef Hill, 1s 1d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 6d; Sea, 8s 6d, b 8s; South Birthday, b 10s 6d; South German, s 9s; South New Moon, £9 5s, s £9 5s; Spring Hill Leads, b 8s 9d; Star of the East, b 9s, s 12s; William's Fancy, b 8s 6d, s 10s 3d.

Western Australian Mines.—Great Boulder, b 27s, s 27s 3d; Phillips' River, b 9d; ditto, paid, b 1s; Queen Margaret, 3s 8½d; Tindal's Coolgardie, b 1s 1d, s 1s 10d.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

The market was dull for Western Australian shares on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday. Among the quotations were:—Associated, 53s 9d (s); Associated Northern Blocks 30s (s); Lake View Consols, 30s (m); Ivanhoe £8 17s 6d (s); Great Boulder, 26s 10½d (m); Oroya Brown Hill, 75s (b); Great Fingall, £8 5s (s); Cosmopolitan Proprietary, 15s 6d (m). Lead was quoted at £11 10s (m).

REPORTS.

The manager of the Corowa Deep Lead Gold-mining Company reports to January 5.—Lower level: Reef drive still in hard rock, total 716ft. North drive from rise in 240ft and connected with No. 2 east crosscut. Driving west crosscut off north in heavy wash. North and south crosscuts off west drive; lost level; resumed work in upper level reef drive to pick up this ground. Several shifts lost owing to holidays.

The manager of the Mungana (Chillagoe) Mining Co., Ltd., reports for the week ended January 1:—"Calumet: 130ft level, stoping from No. 1 rise. Griffith, No. 2: Stoping from 200ft level. Intermediate drive extended 9ft. Total 50ft. No change in formation. Magazine face: Stopped work in heading stope. Lady Jane: 200ft level, plat cleaned out, and repairing timbers. Girofla, open cut: Breaking lead ore, and removing overburden. Nordville: West drive extended 3½ft; face in lode formation.

The manager of the Cobar Chesney Company reports under date of January 1:—460ft level: North drive in 35ft. Assays from boreholes give 3.5 per cent., 3.8 per cent., and 4.1 per cent. copper, the assay present face being 3.8 per cent. copper. Let tender to crosscut west at 360ft level to cut what is believed to be new body of ore discovered on surface, distance to drive about 100ft, crosscut in 5ft. Tailings contractors treated 900 tons of tailings from November 23 to December 28.

ATTACK ON GENERAL O'CONNOR.

General O'Connor, commander of the troops on the Moroccan frontier, who is in Paris conferring with the Government on the situation there, met with an extraordinary experience on the Boulevard Haussmann, where he was attacked in the most wanton manner by Captain Muller, an officer with a grievance. The latter waited at the corner for a long time, and when the general approached on his way home rushed towards him, gesticulating violently, and accused him of sending a false report to the War Office, which broke his career. At the same time he aimed a blow with his fist at the distinguished officer's face, which was parried. Another heavy blow was struck, and then the old general and his assailant rolled into the road struggling. When separated by pedestrians, it was seen that General O'Connor had been severely handled. As he left the scene in a cab he remarked that the captain would hear from him. The aggressor stated that misstatements made to the War Minister had caused him to be put on half-pay, and he had been unable to obtain redress.

OUR DEFENCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—My letter appears to have greatly annoyed your correspondent, "Captain Cook." I can quite readily "imagine his chagrin" at anyone having the temerity to differ from him in opinion. It is exacerbating to me to have incurred the disdain and resentment of a warrior who has been "under fire scores of times from Krupp and Creusot guns." They did not apparently get his range; but this may have been due to defective practice.

I am quite sure, however, that he has not seen our most recent field battery in action (if he means on active service), for the simple reason that the guns have never left the State since they arrived from England. As to the relative value of different manufactures of guns, that is a matter upon which artillerists differ, and will probably continue to do so, more especially as they cannot always have "Captain Cook" to set them right.

I am glad at all events that your correspondent has changed front as regards his previous opinion that we want no militarism, and that any Australian can be made a soldier in a week. Now, he considers that we want "a permanent force exactly as we have now, only slightly larger"—a good deal larger would be nearer the mark—"and citizen soldiers."

Your correspondent's only object, he tells us, was "to arouse if possible the sluggish minds of our authorities"—for which delicate attention Sir Edward Hutton and his staff will no doubt feel duly grateful.

I can only reiterate that, in my opinion, at all events, our field guns are quite sufficient to cope with any force likely to be brought against them under existing circumstances. I must plead guilty to feeling unconvinced even by the last letter of your polite and modest correspondent, more especially as he has not informed us what Power he apprehends will land horse, foot, and artillery in Australia? what the base of that Power will be? and what will be the probable fleet of transports and protecting cruisers?

I am very much inclined to think that "Captain Cook" is one of those to whom the poet's axiom, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing" strictly applies. I don't fancy he will have to say, "I told you so," because at present his ideas are too simple and elementary.

I am, &c., [illegible]

Jan. 12.

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PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

LICENSING COURT.

The Parramatta Licensing Court sat yesterday, when there were two applications for wine licenses—one from Charles Risbey and the other from John M'Donagh. In respect of the firstnamed the clerk of the Court stated that no date had been inserted in the application. There was also an objection lodged by the police. The Bench refused the application on the grounds that the reasonable requirements of the neighbourhood did not warrant the granting of the application, and further, that the application was for personal benefit of the applicant, and not in the interests of the public. In the application of John M'Donagh, Mr. Sullivan appeared for the applicant. In this case the bench, by majority, decided to refuse the application, on the grounds that the reasonable requirements of the district did not justify the granting of such an application, and no further facts in reference to the reasonable requirements of the neighbourhood had been adduced since the last application. Mr. Sullivan asked what evidence would be required to establish a justification for such an application by Mr. M'Donagh. The Bench pointed out that they were there to give a decision, not to advise. The applicant could take what course he thought fit in the matter.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Matters municipal in Parramatta and the surrounding municipalities are quiet, there being a dearth of candidates. In Granville, Auburn, and Rookwood there are as yet no fresh candidates announced. In Anderson Ward, Parramatta, where Alderman Mobbs retires, and will not again seek re-election, there are two candidates announced.

Four fresh cases of typhoid fever have been reported in Granville this week, making a total of 12 cases reported since the first report in December.

A WRECKER OF REPUTATIONS.

FRENCH POLITICIANS' DILEMMA.

"Being dead, yet speaketh." Mme. Humbert, peacefully making slippers for the "Louvre" and the "Bon Marche" in her country prison, is yet capable of doing damage to political reputations (says the Paris correspondent of a home paper). The Commission recently appointed by Parliament to examine into the secret dossier of the Humbert trial, the contents of which were disregarded by the jury, has begun its labours. The majority of the "revelations" are nothing more terrible than invitations to dinner or to shooting parties, which were accepted or declined as the case might be by political or judicial personages. M. Paul Deschanel, however, has not escaped so lightly. A hundred letters have been found which bear his signature. They averaged for some time about one a day. In one he is said to have referred to his marriage with that unfortunate young lady, Eve Humbert. Needless to say, considerable sensation has been created by the discovery of this correspondence. His enemies had already stated that the ex-President of the Chamber had courted the daughter of Therese and Frederic Humbert, but he had categorically denied it in a letter to the press. M. Deschanel, being asked by certain leaders of the Republican groups in the Chamber for an explanation, has now declared that he is the victim of a forgery. It is, of course, proper to give him the benefit of the doubt, but M. Deschanel will, I imagine, find his subsequent political career by no means a path of roses. The Radicals are delighted at the pother. They have drawn first blood. The inquiry was really of Nationalist, or, at least, of Moderate origin. The Opportunists hoped to overwhelm the extreme section; but, instead, one of their own number has been overcome. M. Deschanel belongs to a common type of French politician—an arriviste before everything. He really owes his excellent start in political life to his father, M. Emile Deschanel, the celebrated professor in the College de France. Arriving at an unusually early age to the splendid position of "Speaker" of the Chamber, he has made enemies who to-day rejoice in what they regard as his downfall.

ANÆMIA AND DEBILITY.

A PROMPT CURE.

THE CASE OF MISS N. LENEHAN.

(By a Reporter.)

It is said that pain, like joy, becomes dulled by repetition or by the callousness that comes with years, but on listening to some personal experiences of Miss Nellie Lenehan, of No. 38 Cross-street, Forest Lodge, a reporter learned that this is not always true.

"The longer my illness lasted," said Miss Lenehan, "the more acute my pains became. When I was living in Brisbane I enjoyed the very best of health, being quite robust and without a care in life; but the Sydney climate did not agree with me, for after being here a while the colour left my cheeks and I became thin and miserable. I suffered from poverty of the blood, my complexion getting frightfully pale, and my lips and gums almost white. The change which had so suddenly taken place in my appearance caused me the utmost concern. But it was not only in my looks that there was room for the gravest of fears to be entertained. No; it was the intense feeling of langour, as if every particle of strength had been drained away, which made me dread the possibility of falling into a decline. All day long I was oppressed with a feeling of drowsiness, which gave me a constant desire to be lying down. It was no pleasure for me to be in company, owing to the irritating effect which conversation had; neither could I employ an hour in reading, because my eyes felt weak and swollen, and the heavy pains in my head drove away any inclination for pleasure. To put my condition in concise form, I was utterly miserable and dejected, without one desire which could bring me a moment's comfort."

"A very unhappy plight for a young lady to be in," remarked the reporter.

"You are right; but I have not yet told you half what I went through. Besides being so weak that it was risky for me to walk without having support of some kind, I was as nervous as anybody could be. All sorts of nonsensical ideas came to my head and frightened me, especially when I was vainly endeavouring to get sleep at nights. Ah, that is what helped to bring me down to a comparative shadow—the mere fact of not being able to get any rest—and what a wretched state of affairs it is to lie awake and suffer mental and physical agony all night. My chest hurt me and my limbs ached acutely, while an annoying pain occasionally appeared between my shoulders. If I dozed off for an hour I dreamt the whole time, and every morning my tongue was furred, and my mouth had a nasty taste. Whether I was sitting down or not my nerves were always trembling violently, and to look at me you would have thought it impossible for them to get steady again."

"You don't appear to be of a nervous temperament now?"

"Nor am I, thanks to Clements Tonic, which pulled me through wonderfully. I was prostrate with weakness, and had been lying in bed for nearly three months, when I was given some Clements Tonic, and it came like a sunbeam which had been hidden in the blackest cloud. I had been crushed under a calamity, but Clements Tonic raised me up and gave me new life. This was the only medicine which gave me an appetite and made my food digest. I was delighted to find that the old discomforts after meals had vanished, for flatulence and chest pains were soon torments of the past, and the pacifying qualities of Clements Tonic relieved my head pains, and induced refreshing sleep. Before long my whole system was strengthened, and the shaking of my nerves was permanently quelled. Every irregularity from which I had suffered was remedied by Clements Tonic, and to making the blood rich and pure the colour of my skin and the vitality in my body bore ample testimony. To be relieved of the ailments which had wrought such disaster was a great blessing indeed, and I am only too happy to pass the word along to all sufferers that Clements Tonic cured me."

"Do you mind your remarks appearing in print?"

"Not at all. You may publish them how and when you please."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, Nellie Lenehan, of 38 Cross-street, Forest Lodge, Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios, and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statements, which I give voluntarily, without receiving any payment; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

Nellie Lenehan

Subscribed and declared at Glebe, this eighteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and two, before me.

MICHL. CHAPMAN, J.P.

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FUNERALS.

POLLARD.—The Friends of Mr. ROBERT POLLARD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON, William; to move from his residence, Hobah, Dunmore-street, Bexley, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 12 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, Rockdale, opp. station, and 765 George-street, city. Tel., 993, and 6 Kogarah.

POLLARD.—QUEEN'S JUBILEE LODGE, No. 77, P.A.F.S., O.F.A., Rockdale. Officers and Brethren of above Lodge and Order are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of the late Bro. WM. R. POLLARD; to move from Hobah, Dunmore-street, Bexley, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 12 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
G. KEMLO, W.M.; R. C. PAYNTER, Secretary.

TAYLOR.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. FRANK TAYLOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Ellen Sarah; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-street, city.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. RUDOLPH TAYLOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. J. DIXON and CO., 183 George-street West.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of ELLEN, FRANK, JOSEPH, and LOUIS TAYLOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from their late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of the late Mr. and Mrs. WIGGINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SHADLOW are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-street.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of WILLIAM, CHARLES, and JAMES RATTERAY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved AUNT, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. OFFWOOD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. J. DIXON and CO.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN WIGGINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. J. DIXON and CO.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY WIGGINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. J. DIXON and CO.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES WIGGINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. J. DIXON and CO.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of JOSEPH and GEORGE WIGGINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. SMITH and SON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FRIEND, Ellen Sarah Taylor; to move from her late residence, 57 Alderson-street, Redfern, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO.

M'DONALD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN M'Donald are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Alice, which will move from their residence, Kyamba, Smith-street, Summer Hill, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Summer Hill Station, and thence to Necropolis.
WOOD and COMPANY.

FITZMAURICE.—The Friends of Messrs. JAMES S. and ARTHUR E. FITZMAURICE are kindly informed that the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER will take place at the Independent Cemetery, Necropolis, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON. Friends will please meet at the Mortuary Station at 2.15 p.m. No flowers.
WOOD and COMPANY.

FITZMAURICE.—The Friends of Mrs. T. MORRISON, Mrs. M. ROSS, and Miss A. FITZMAURICE are kindly informed that the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER will take place at the Independent Cemetery, Necropolis, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON. Friends will please meet at the Mortuary Stn., 2.15.

STOREY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES STOREY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Noble John Thomas, which will move from their residence, No. 5 Fred-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for the Balmain Cemetery, Leichhardt.
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Tel., 726, etc. Sydney and Suburbs.

CARROLL.—The Friends of the late MARGARET CARROLL are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave St. Charles' Roman Catholic Church, Waverley, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

CARROLL.—The Friends of JOHN, LUKE, MICHAEL, and MARY CARROLL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Margaret Carroll; to leave St. Charles' R. C. Church, Waverley, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for Waverley Cemetery. W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

CARROLL.—The Friends of Mrs. BASTICK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved SISTER, Margaret Carroll; to leave St. Charles' R. C. Church, Waverley, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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CARROLL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CROSBY and Mr. WILLIAM DUNN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved AUNT, Margaret Carroll; to leave St. Charles' R. C. Church, Waverley, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for Wav. Cem. W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

APPLEBEE.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. AGNES MARY APPLEBEE are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 61 Cooper-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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ROBINSON.—The Friends of Messrs. JAMES and HENRY ROBINSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER, Henry Robert Robinson; to leave his late residence, 20 Victoria-street, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for Necropolis, via Dawes Point.
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HANLY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HANLY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Madeline May Josephine; to leave their residence, Wharf-road, Naremburn, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.15, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
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WYNESS.—The Friends of Mrs. JAMES WYNESS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, James Wyness; to move from his late residence, 422 Oxford-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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